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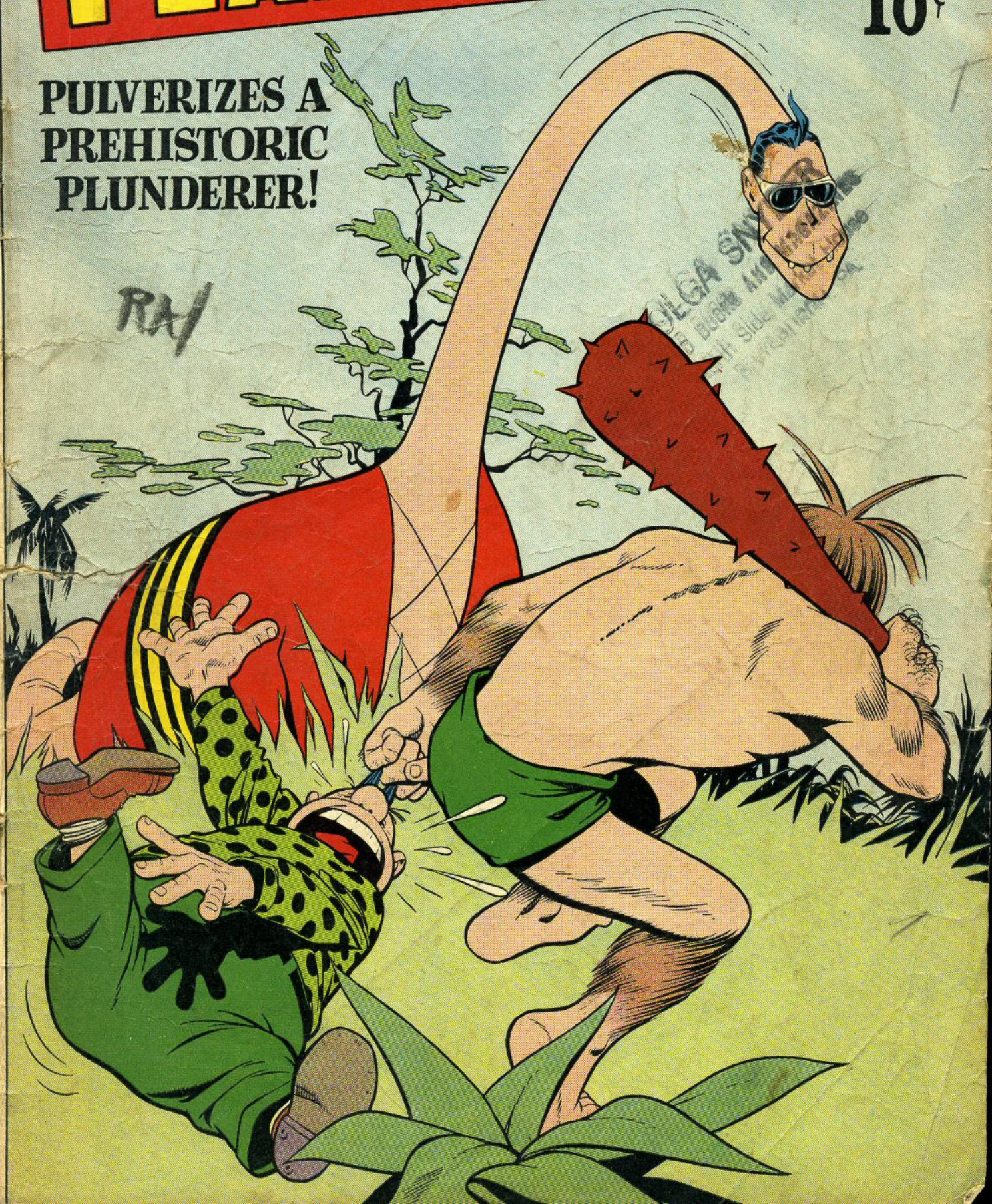
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PLASTIC MAN

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**PULVERIZES A
PREHISTORIC
PLUNDERER!**





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BOYS! here's great news!

ANNOUNCING: An amazing new game

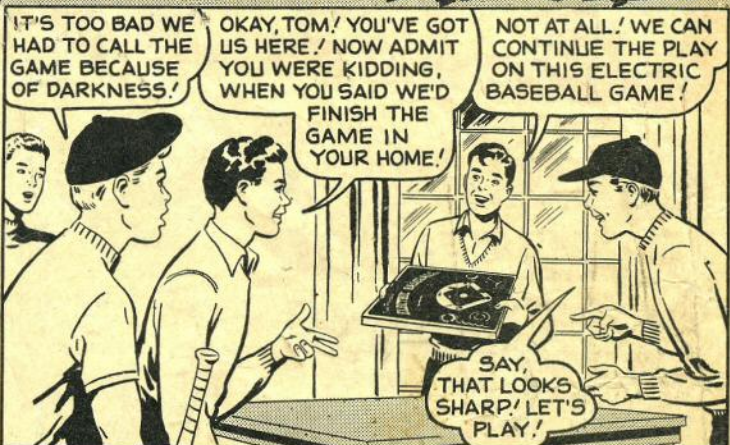
turns OUTDOOR action
into INDOOR thrills

ELECTRIC BASEBALL

IT'S A
**FENCE
BUSTER**



CLOSE PLAYS LIKE
THIS ARE BROUGHT
INDOORS BY
ELECTRIC BASEBALL



IT'S TOO BAD WE
HAD TO CALL THE
GAME BECAUSE
OF DARKNESS!

OKAY, TOM! YOU'VE GOT
US HERE! NOW ADMIT
YOU WERE KIDDING,
WHEN YOU SAID WE'D
FINISH THE
GAME IN
YOUR HOME!

NOT AT ALL! WE CAN
CONTINUE THE PLAY
ON THIS ELECTRIC
BASEBALL GAME!

SAY,
THAT LOOKS
SHARP! LET'S
PLAY!



MAN ON 2ND AND 3RD--
A HIT MEANS TWO RUNS
IF YOU'RE FAST ON THE
TRIGGER BAT,
YOU'LL WIN!

STRIKE
HIM OUT,
TOM!

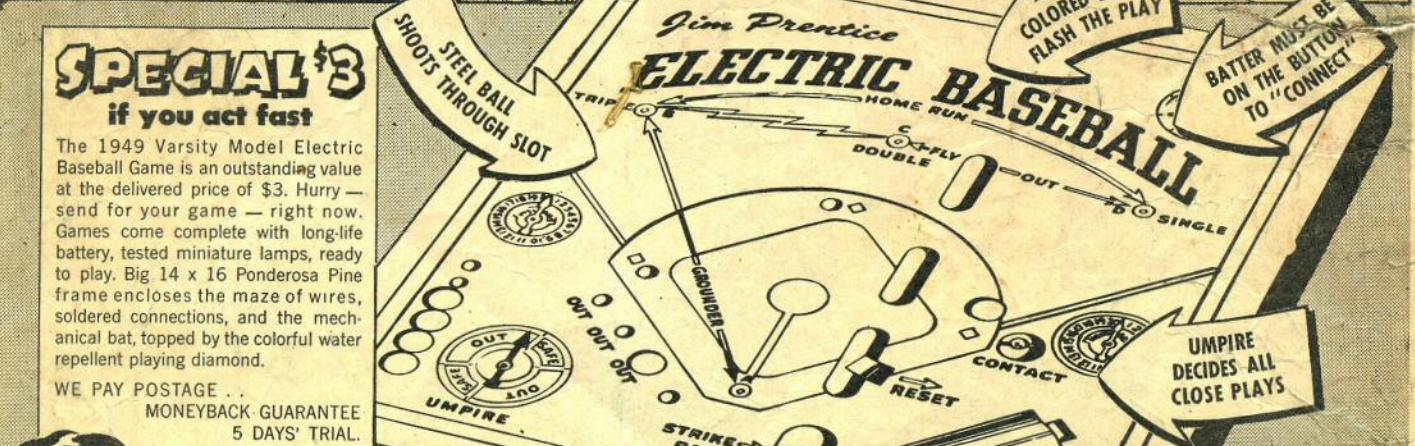
I WANT TO PLAY THE
WINNER! THAT'S THE
BEST LOOKING GAME
I'VE SEEN!

WATCH MY
FAST BALL!

YOU HAVE TO "SWING"
THE BAT AT THE RIGHT
SPLIT SECOND AND
KEEP TRACK OF
STRIKES, BALLS,
HITS, OUTS, RUNS,
INNINGS, ETC!

SCIENTIFIC, YET
AS EXCITING AS
CAN BE!

PLAY BALL--
I'M ALL
SET!



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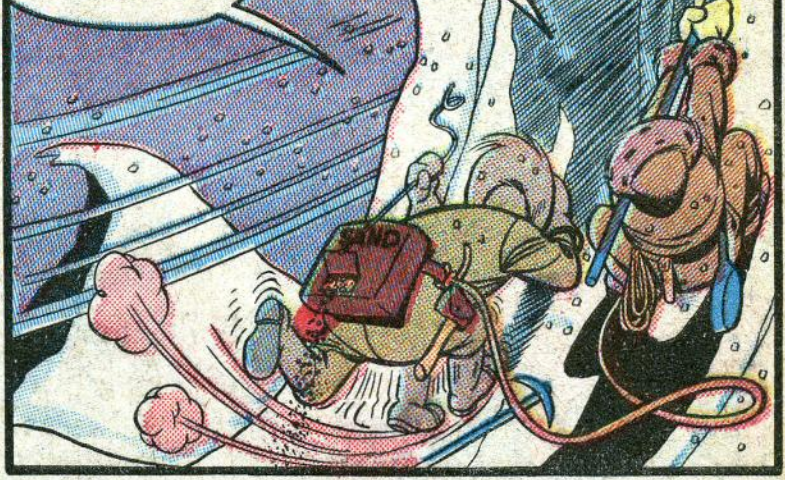
IN A LIMESTONE CAVE IN THE NEANDERTHAL VALLEY, GERMANY, IN THE YEAR 1857, THE FIRST SKULL OF THE ANCIENT CAVE DWELLER KNOWN AS THE NEANDERTHAL MAN WAS DISCOVERED! BUT THE VERY BEST SPECIMEN OF ITS KIND WAS DISCOVERED IN 1949 ... AND THIS NEANDERTHAL MAN WAS VERY MUCH ALIVE! IS EVEN **PLASTIC MAN** A MATCH FOR THIS MONSTROUS SURVIVAL FROM THE DIM DAWN OF HISTORY? WE CAN'T TELL YOU THE ANSWER, BUT ... **YOU'LL BE SURPRISED!**

WHILE CLIMBING THE FORBIDDING MONSON GLACIER, CARL AKENS MADE THE GREATEST ANTHROPOLOGICAL DISCOVERY OF THE AGE...



GOOD HEAVENS! THERE'S A MAN FROZEN INSIDE THE GLACIER!

HURRY UP! CHOP HIM OUT!



W-WHAT KIND OF CREATURE IS HE?

HE BELONGS TO THE EARLIEST AGE OF HUMAN HISTORY! THIS IS A PERFECTLY PRESERVED SPECIMEN OF A NEANDERTHAL MAN!



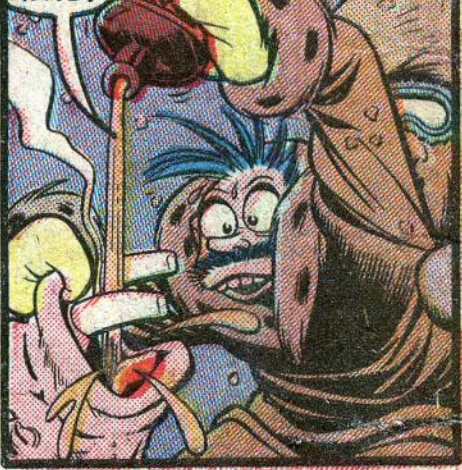
HE MUST HAVE FALLEN INTO THE GLACIER THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO! THE GRADUAL MOVEMENT OF THE ICE FLOW FREED HIM, AND ... GREAT SCOTT! GIVE ME BRANDY, QUICK!

W-WHY?

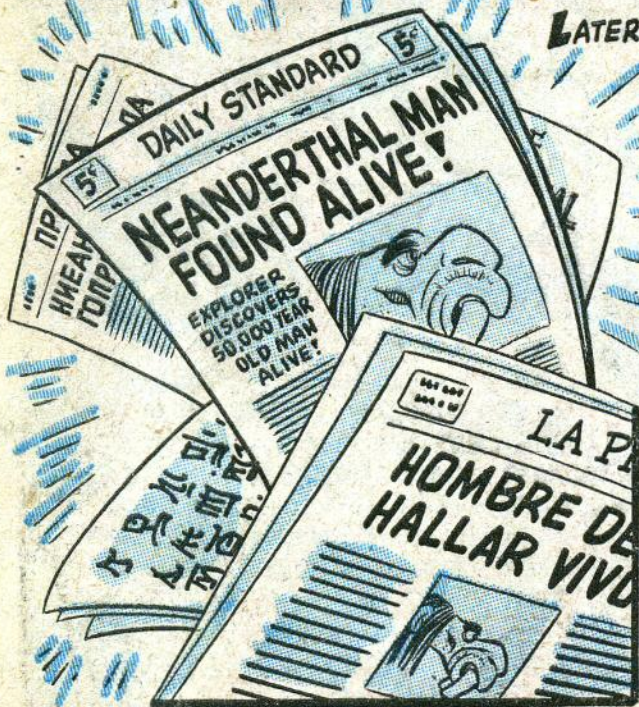


I FELT A FAINT HEARTBEAT! INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS, THE NEANDERTHAL MAN IS ALIVE!

OHHH!

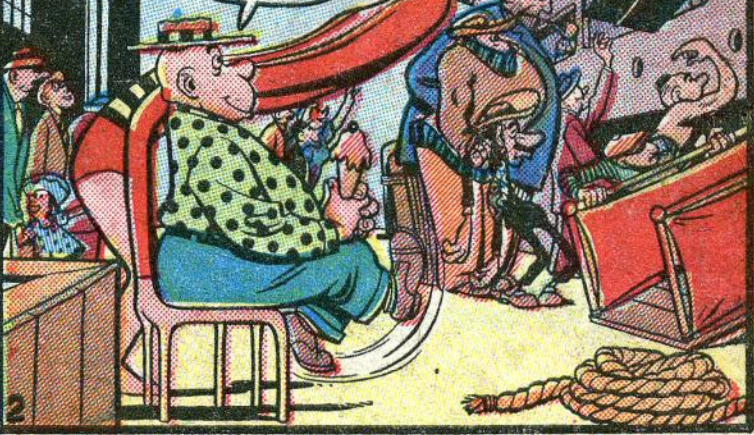


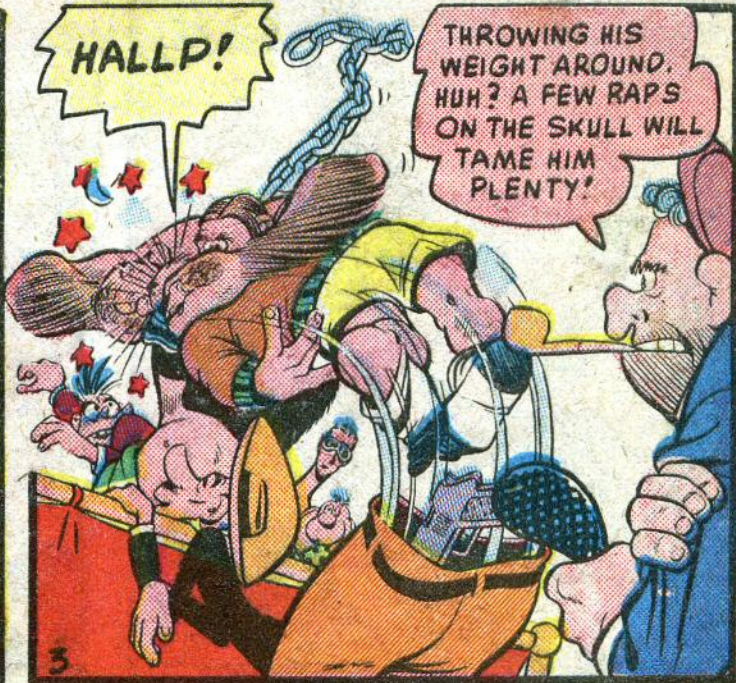
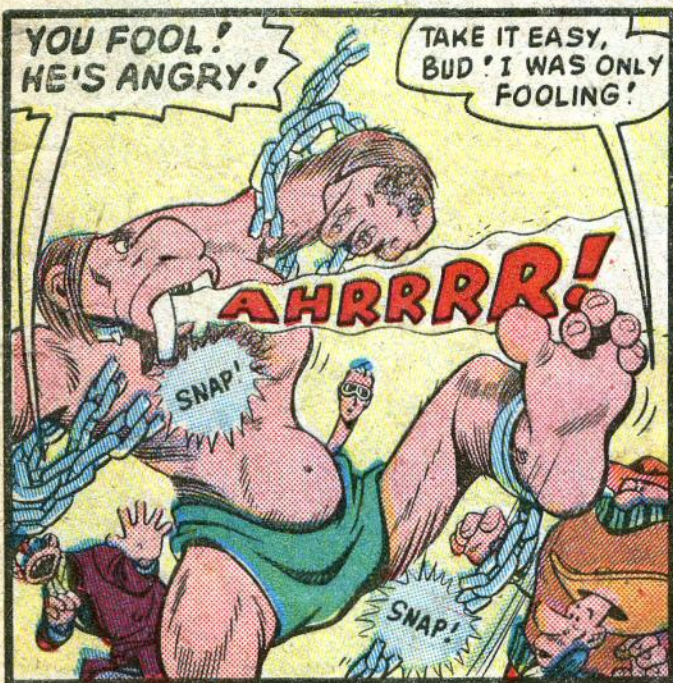
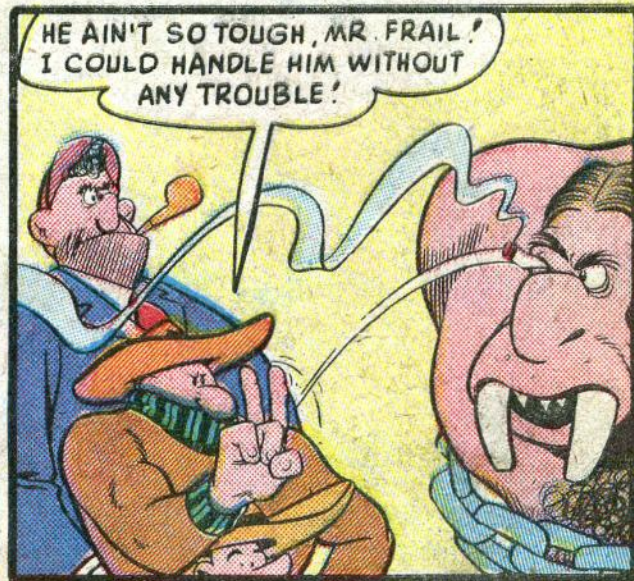
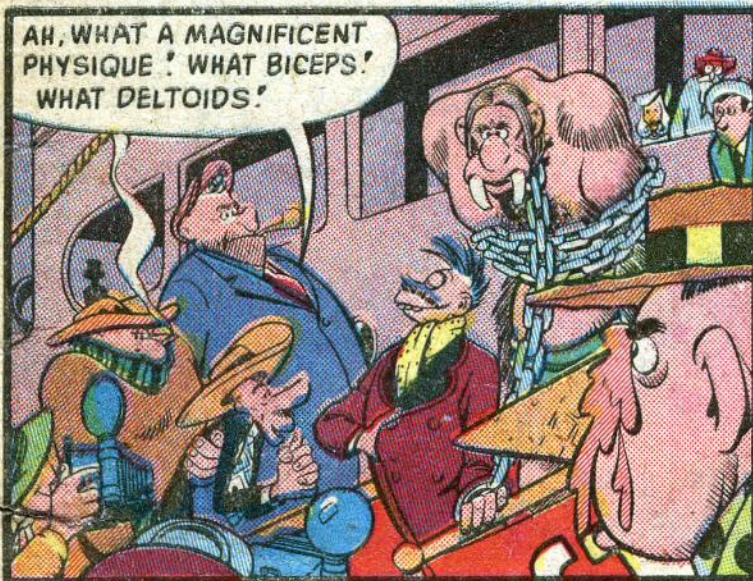
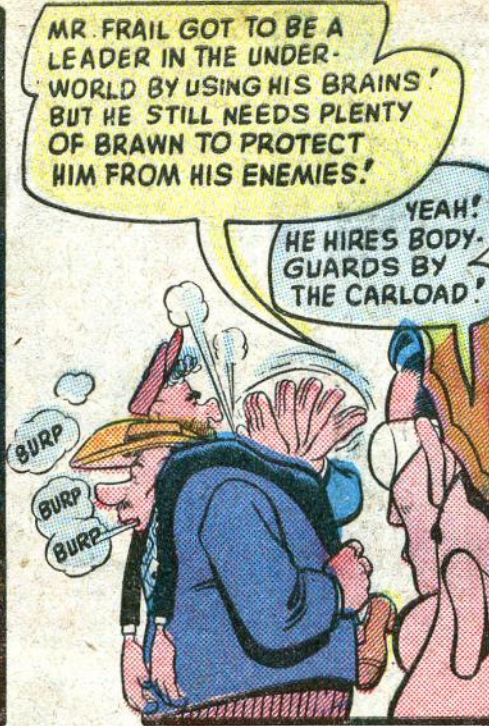
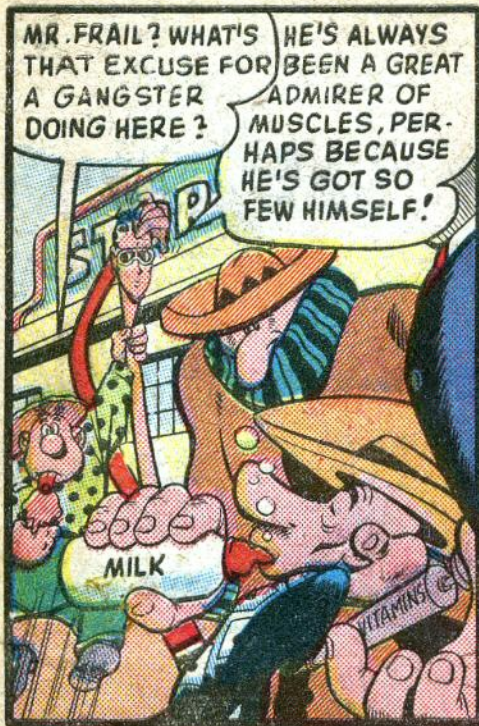
LATER, AT THE DOCK WHERE CARL AKENS IS TO ARRIVE...

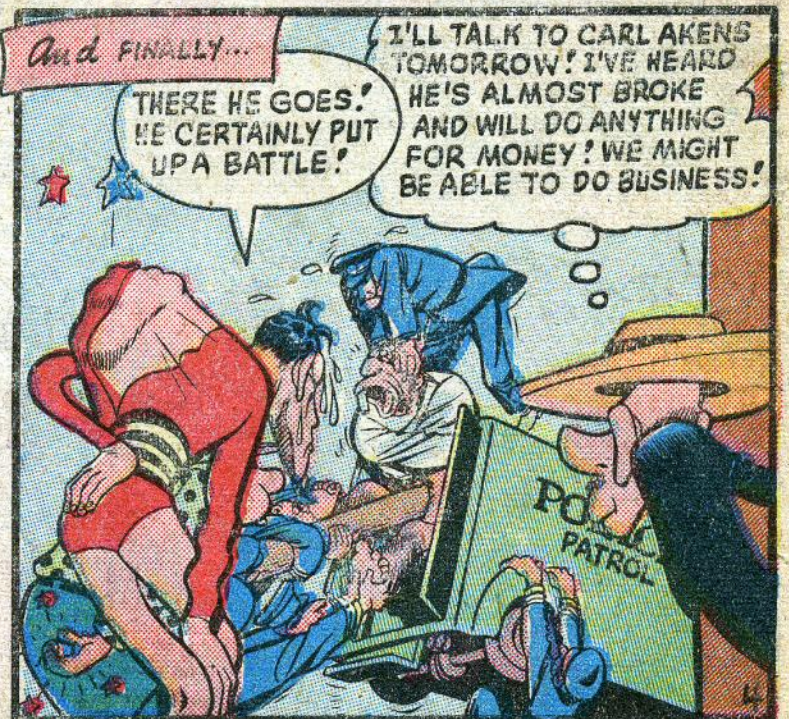
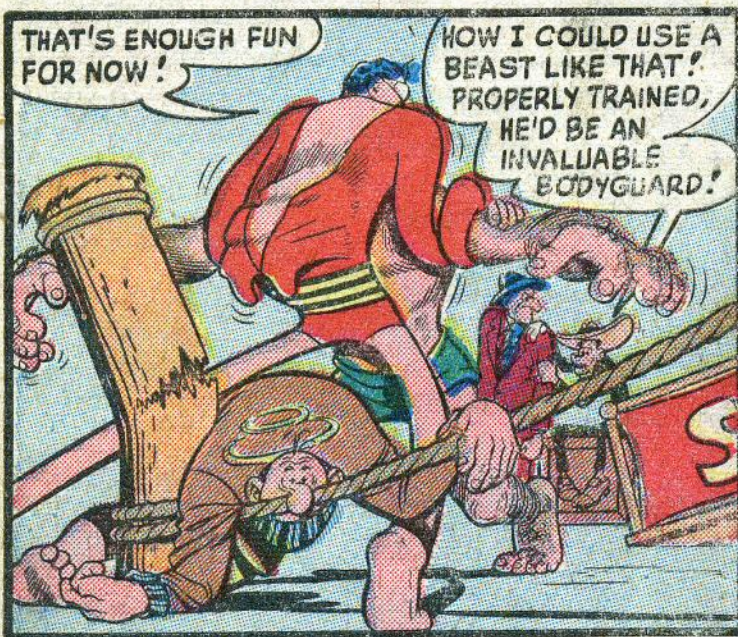
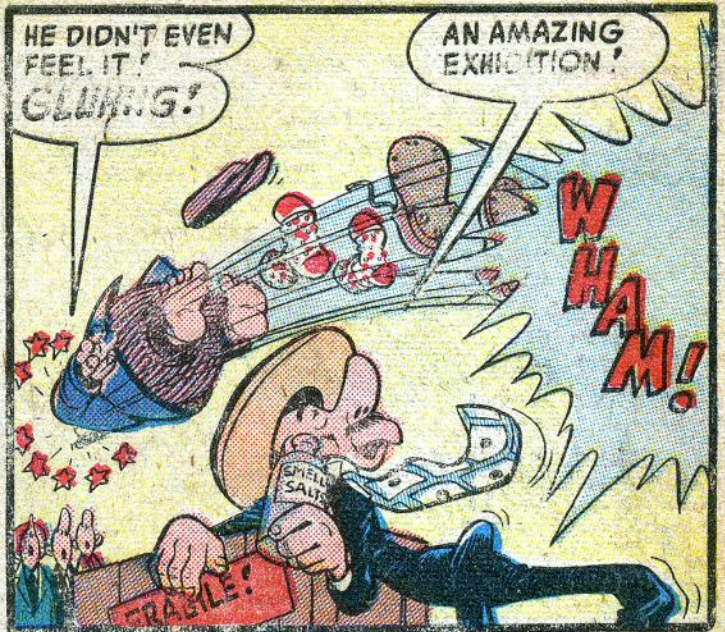
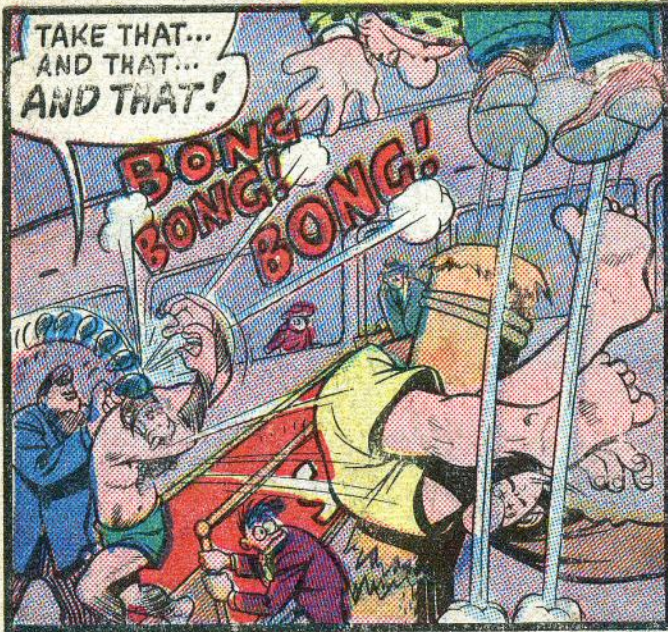


GEE, THEY SAY HE'S GOTTA BE CHAINED 'CAUSE HE'S SO FEROCIOUS! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET A GANDER AT HIM!

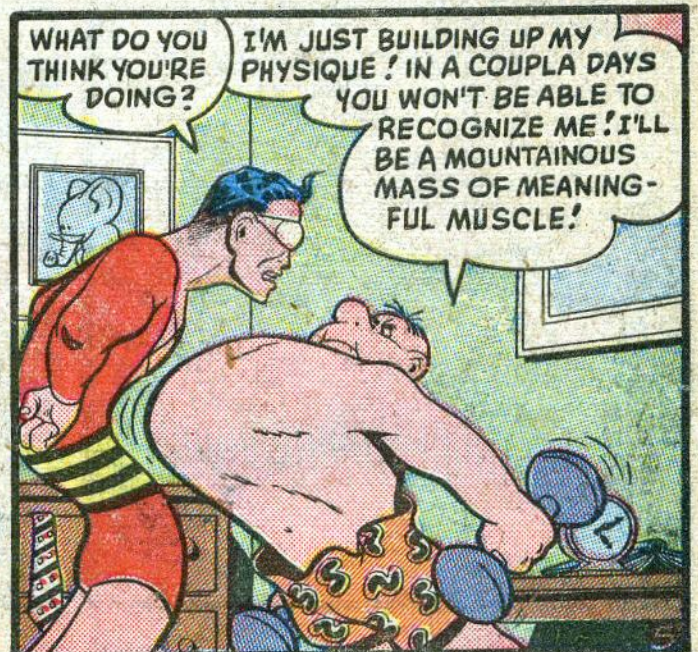
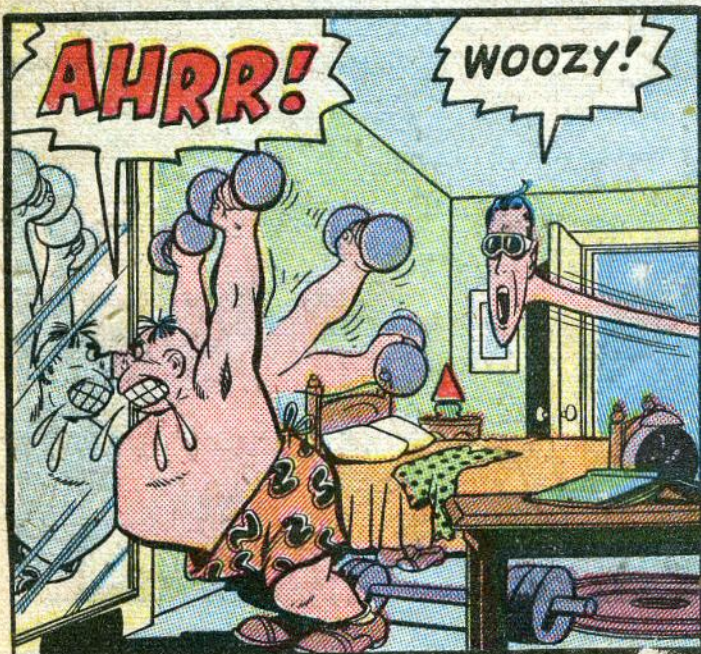
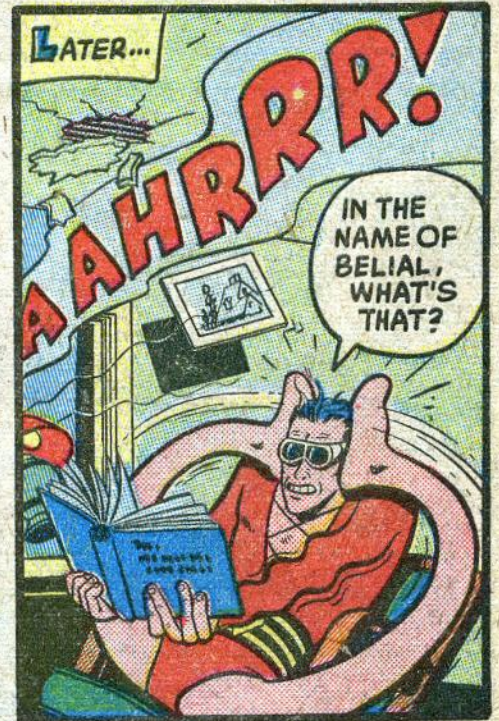
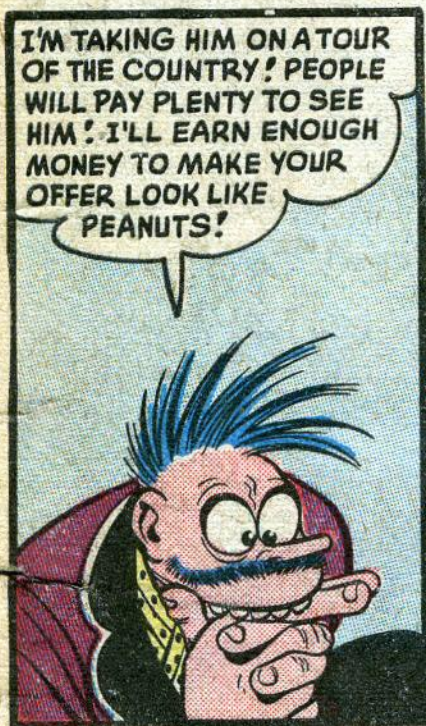
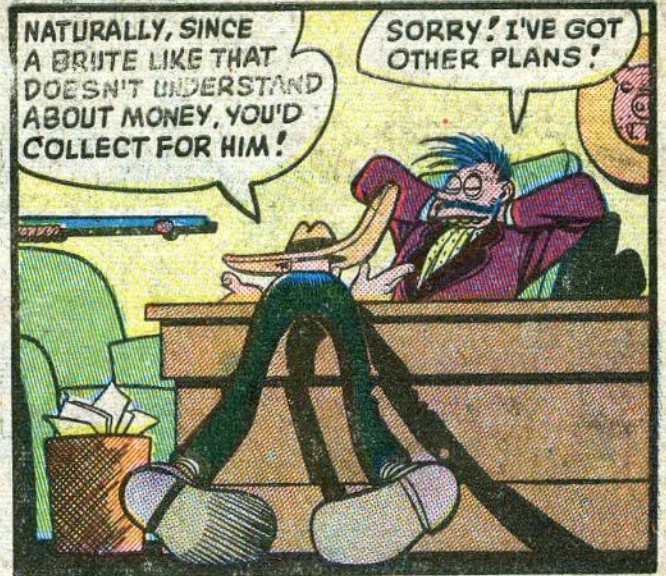
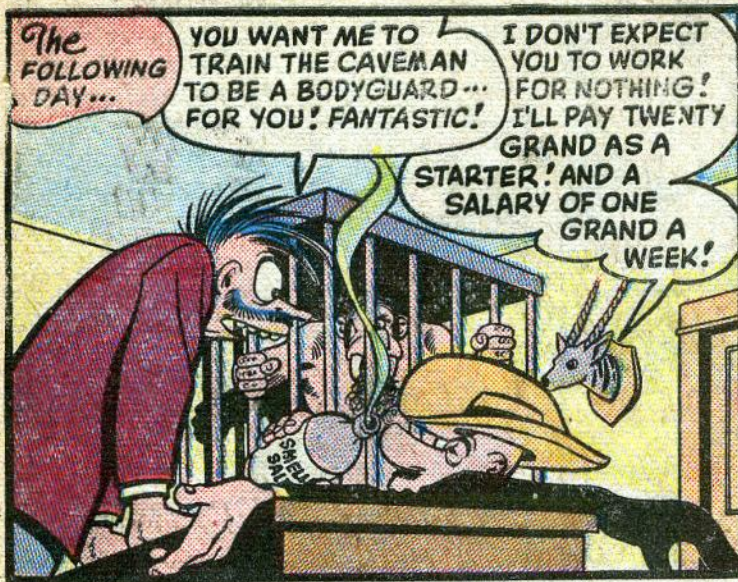
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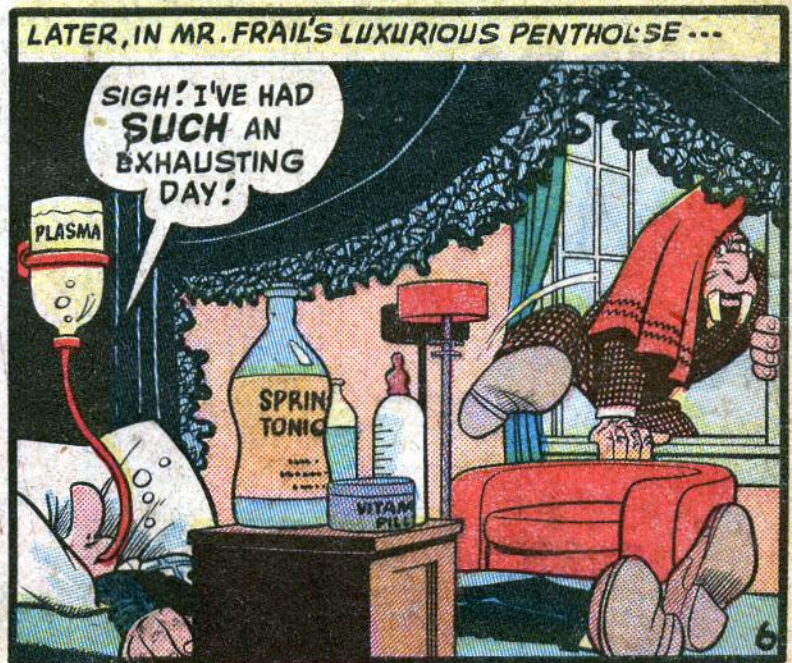
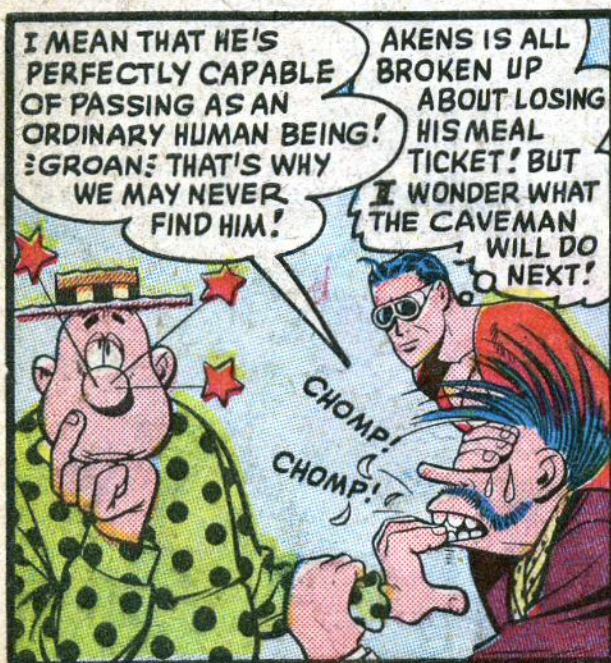
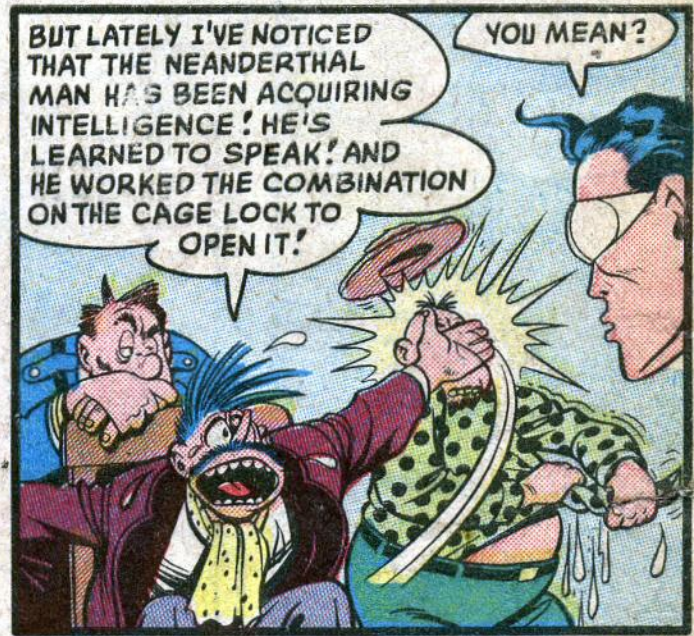
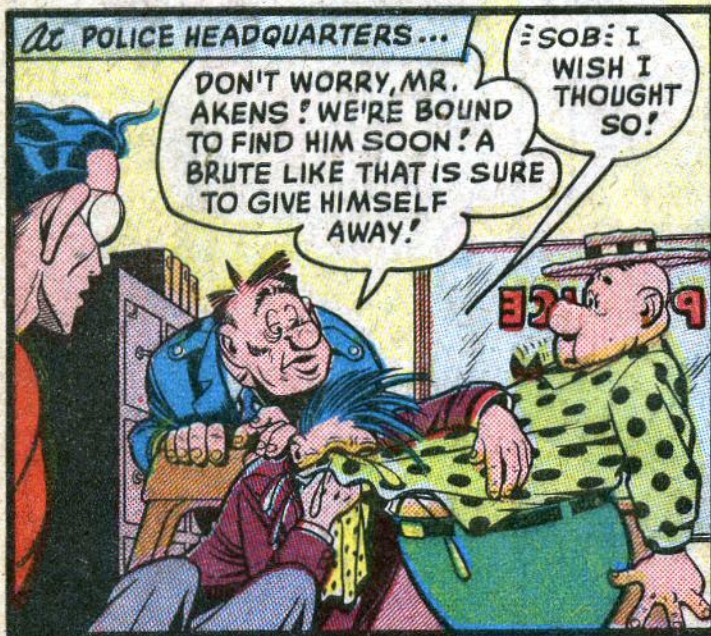
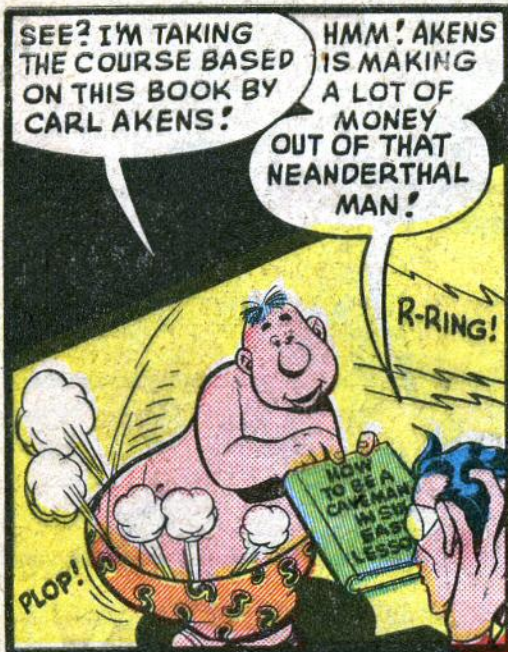




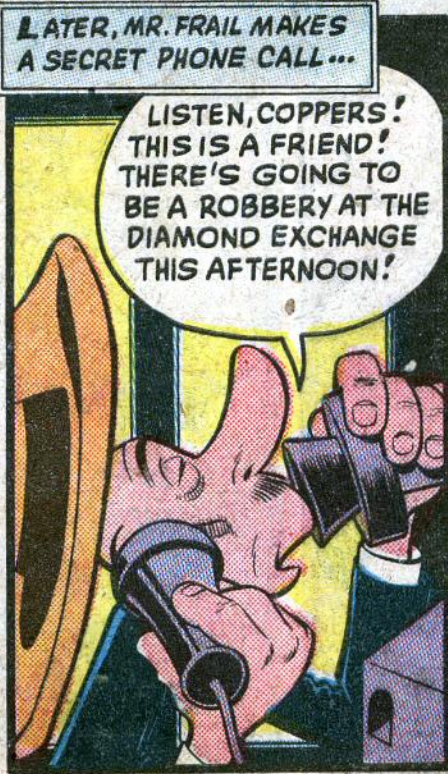
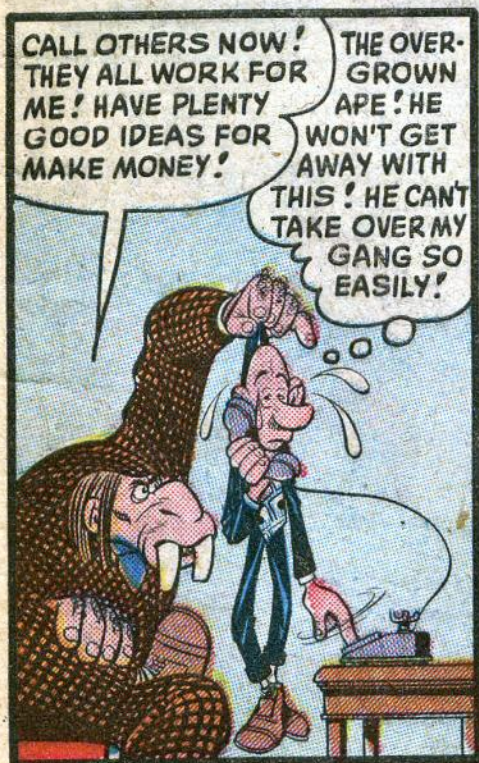
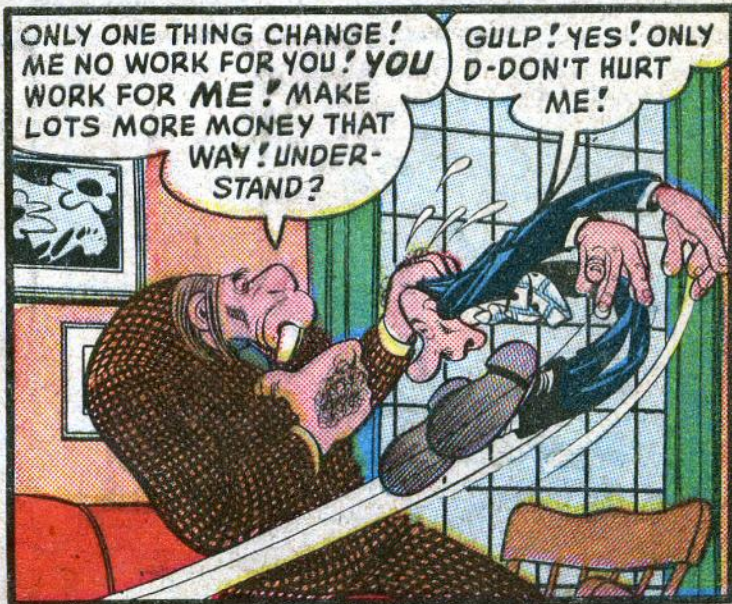
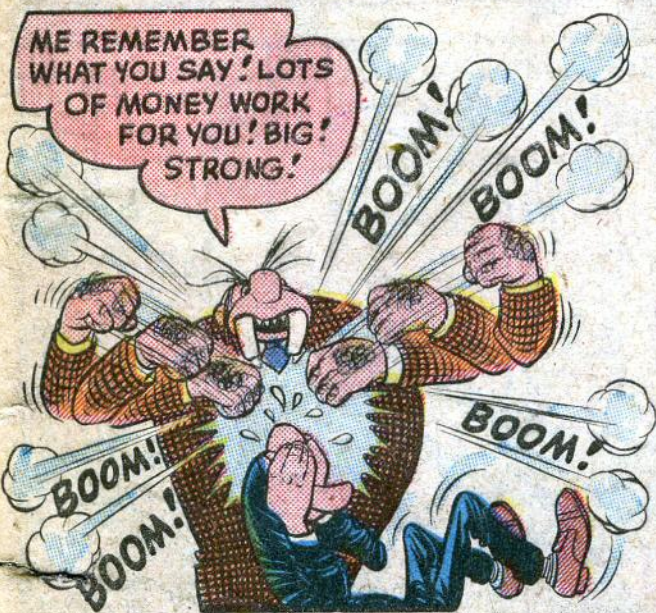
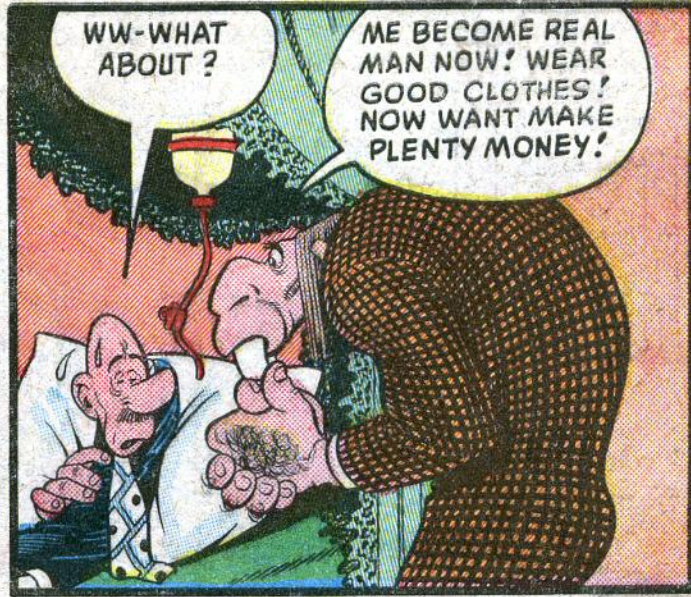
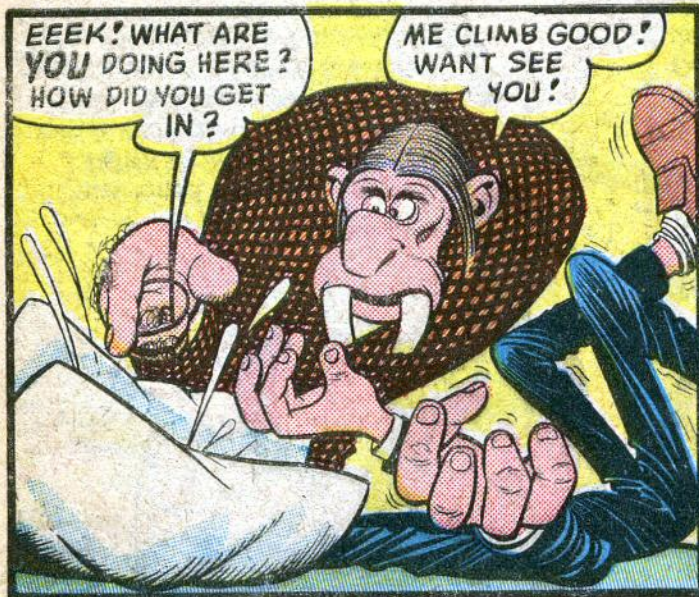
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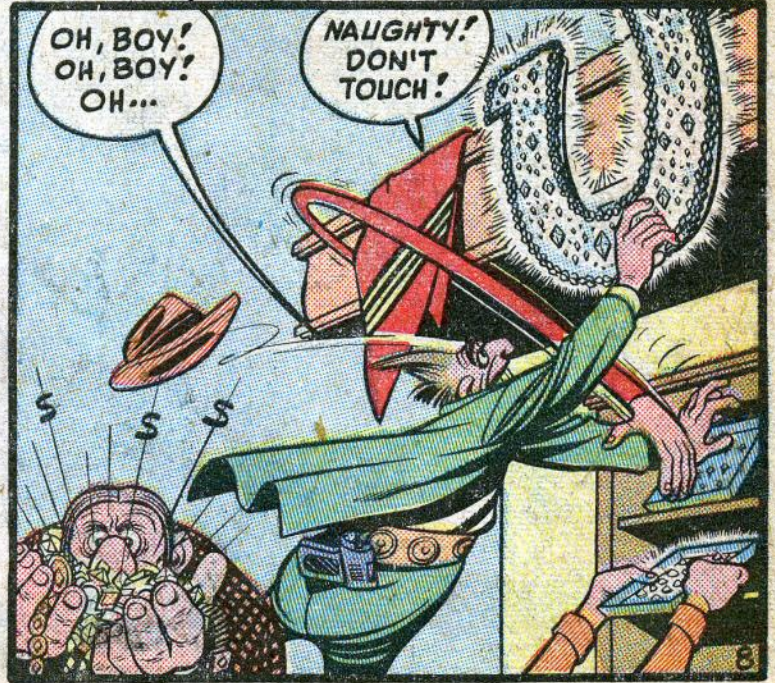
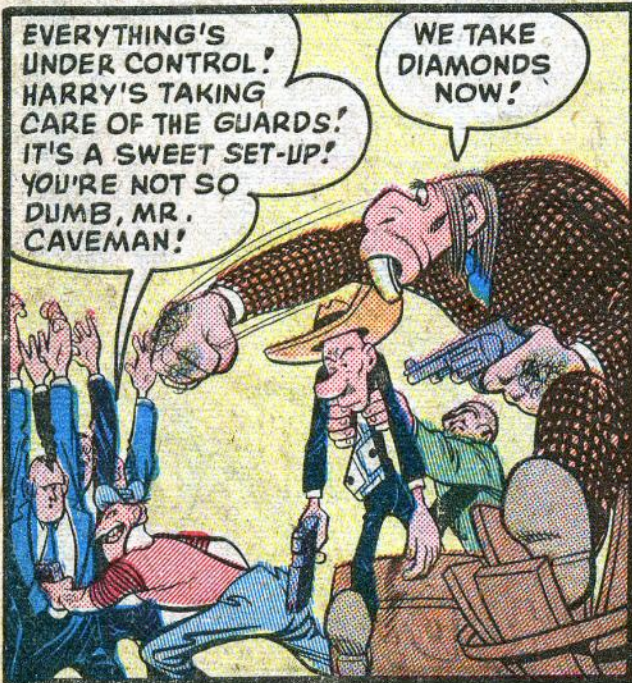
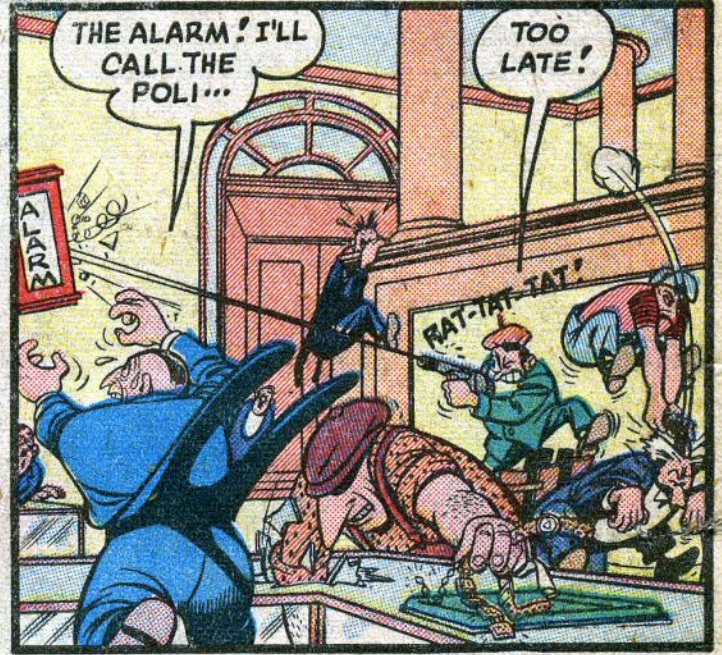
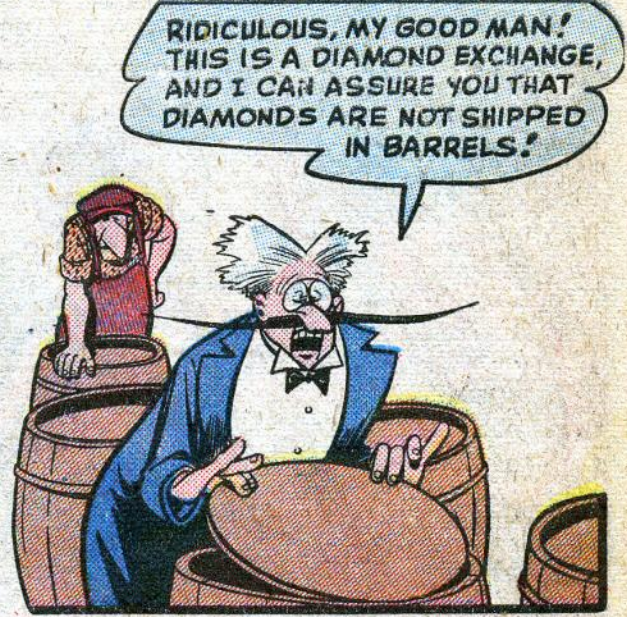
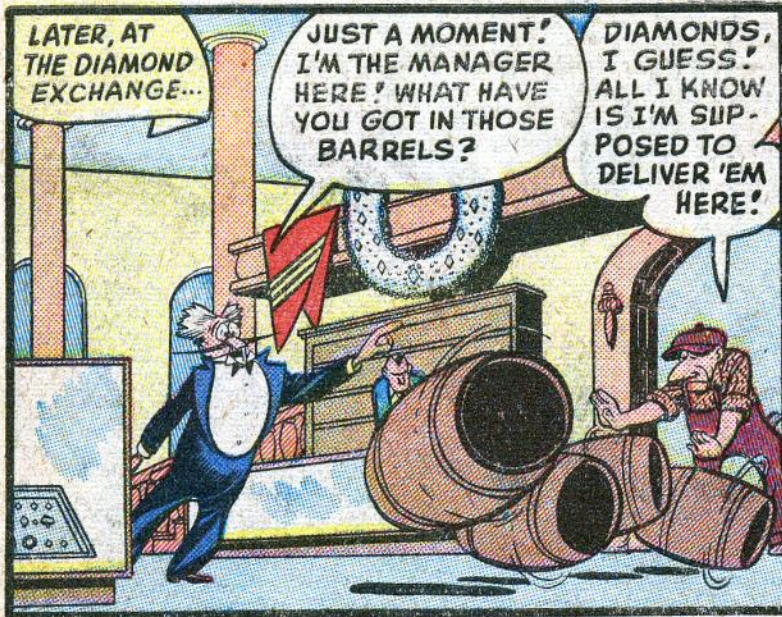
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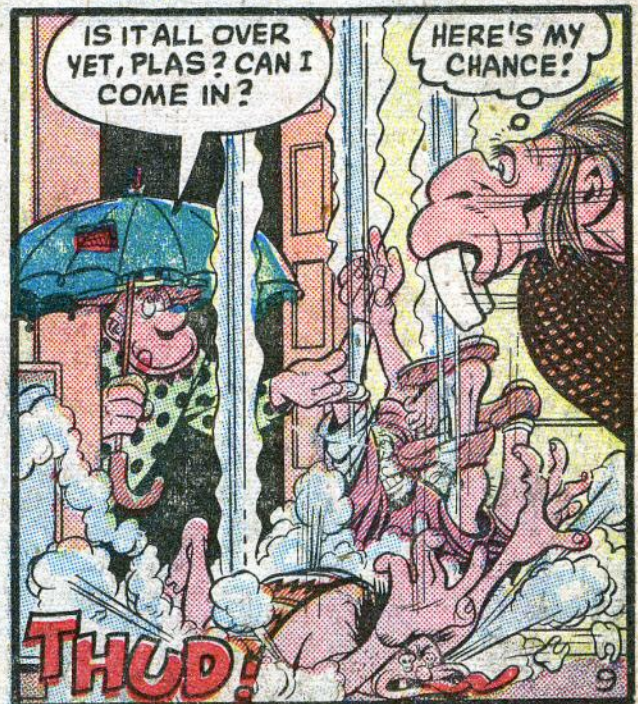
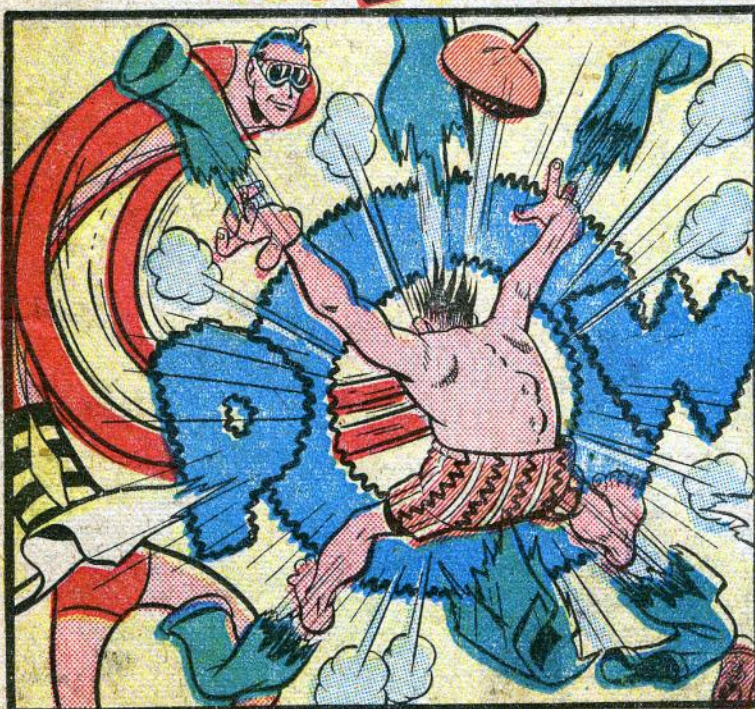
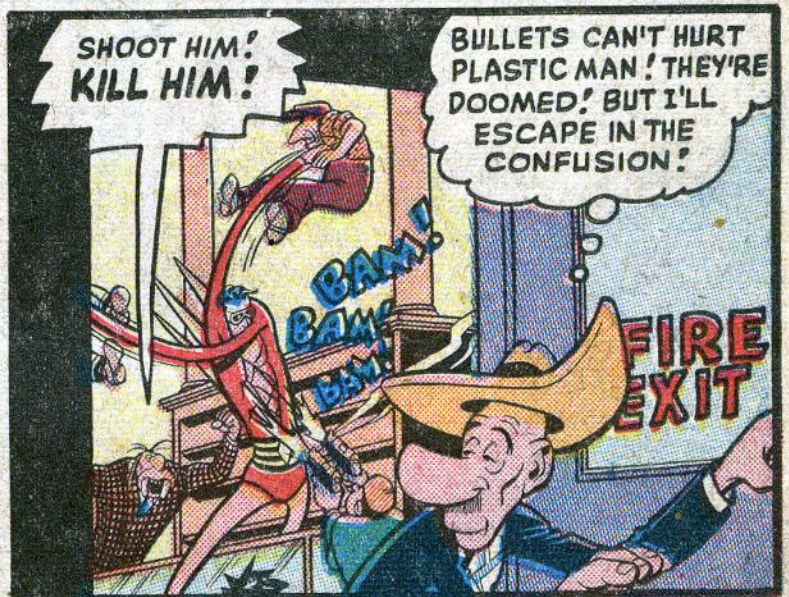
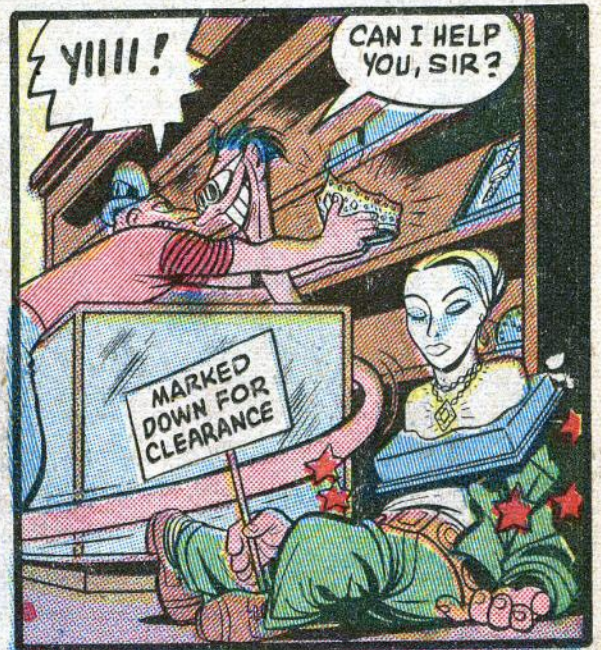
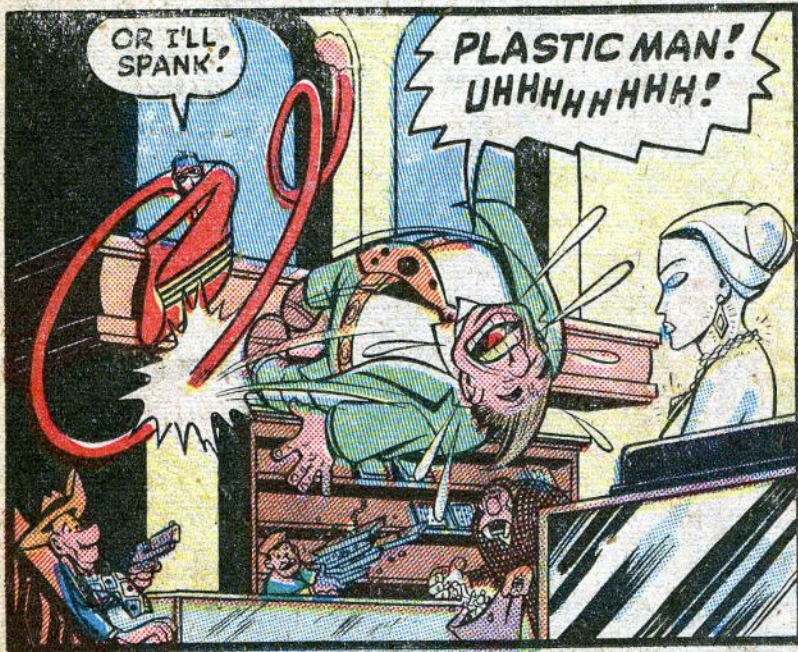
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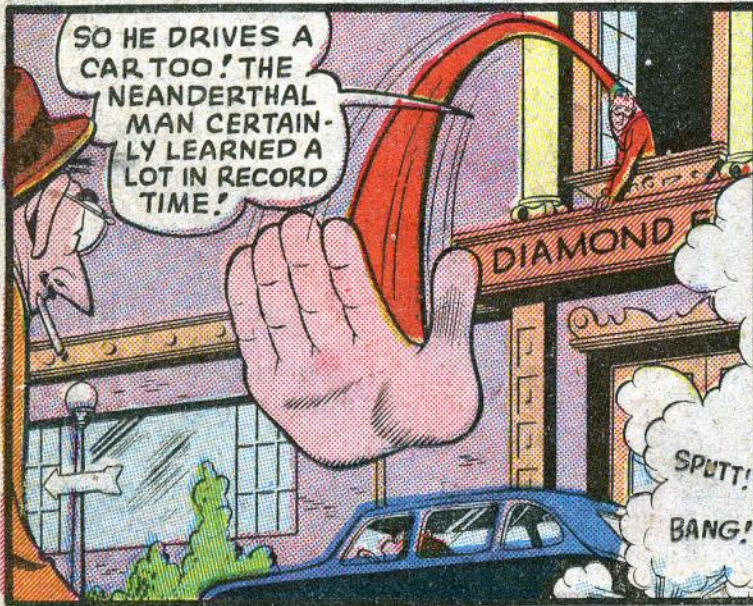
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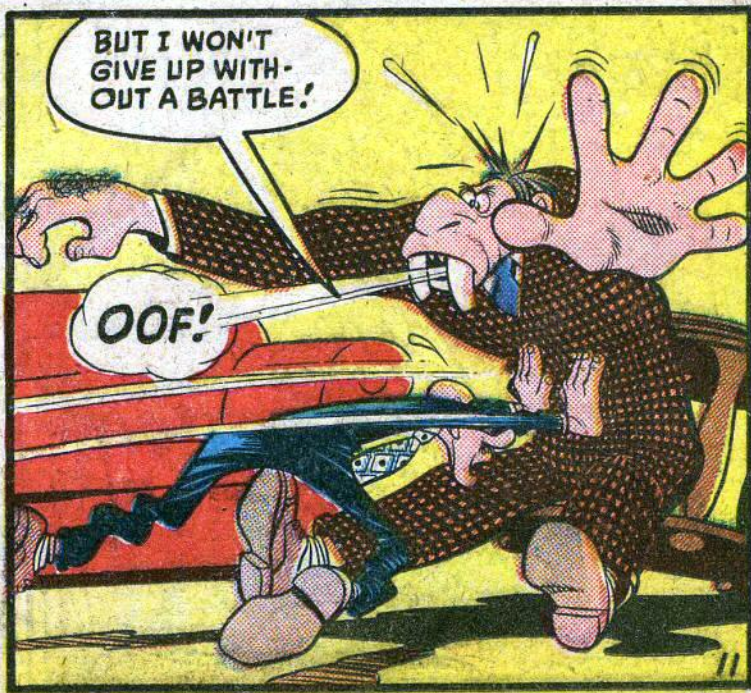
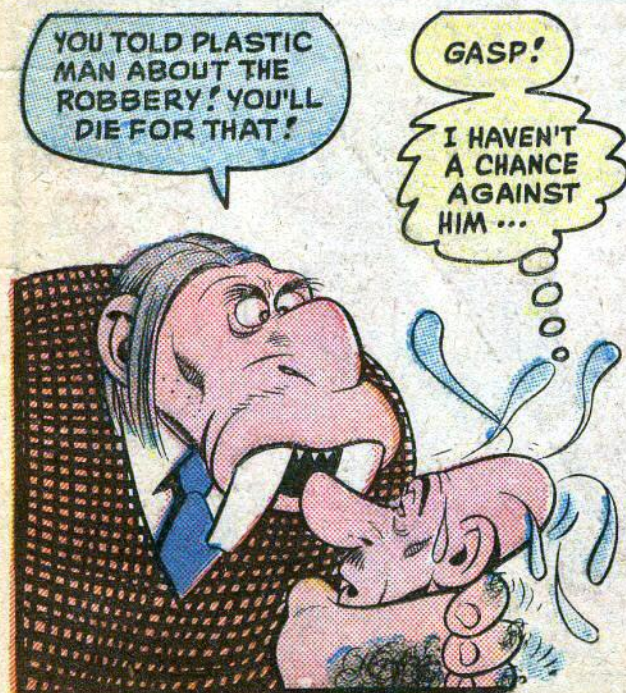
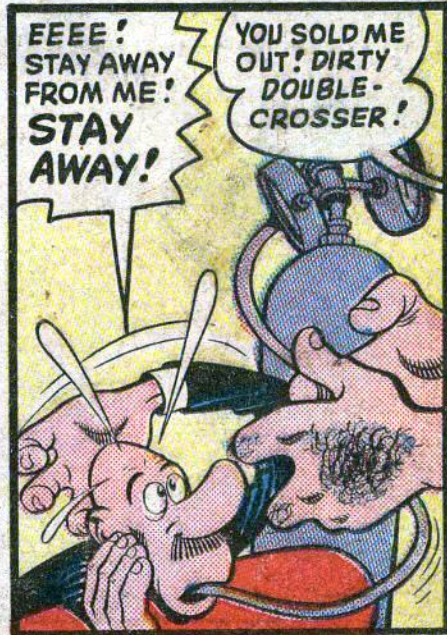
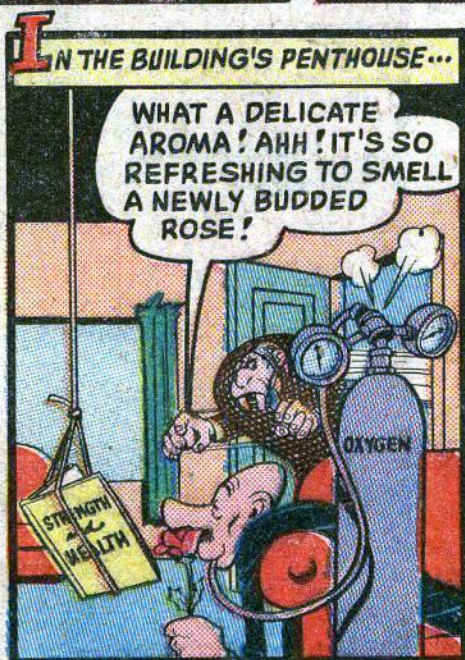
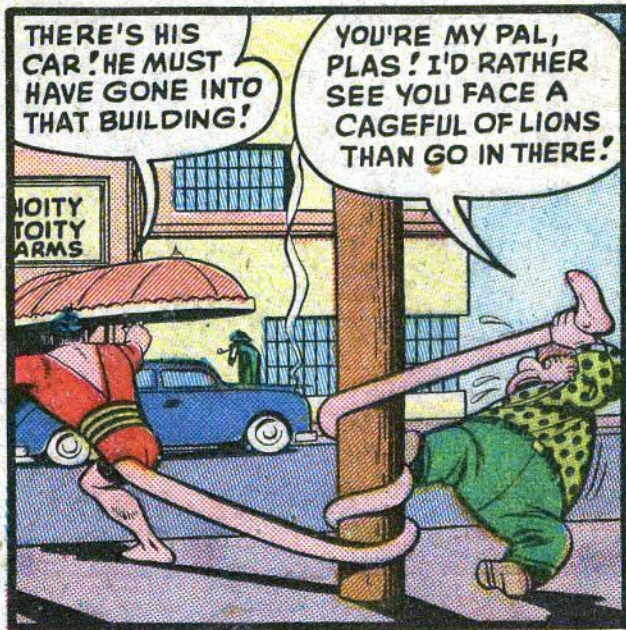
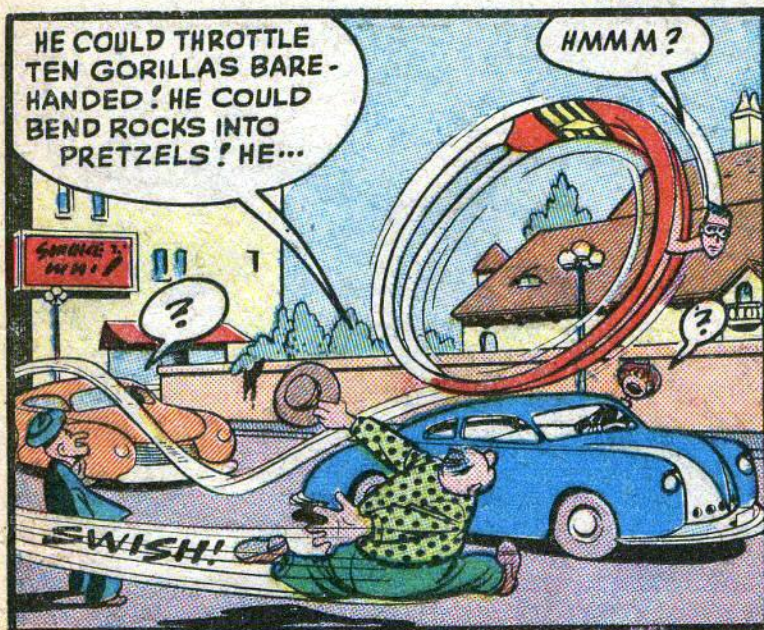
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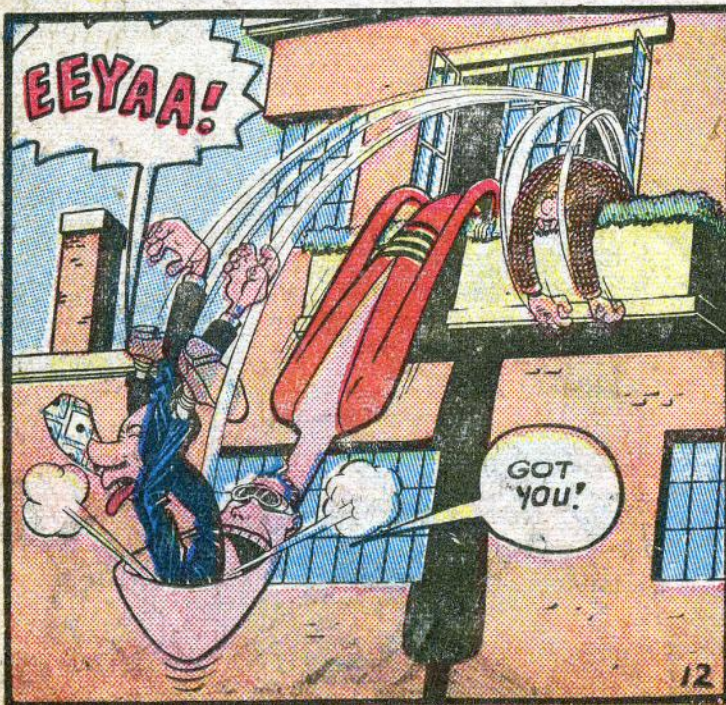
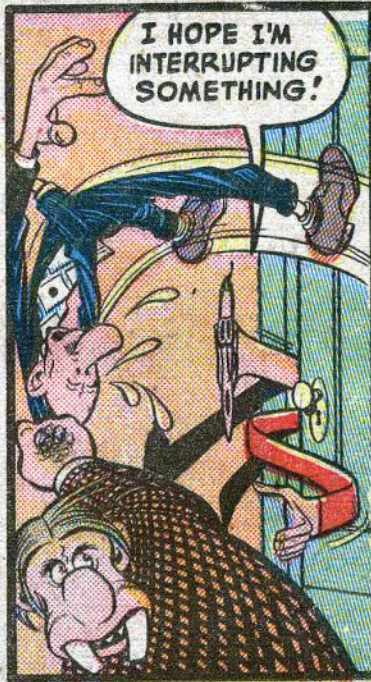
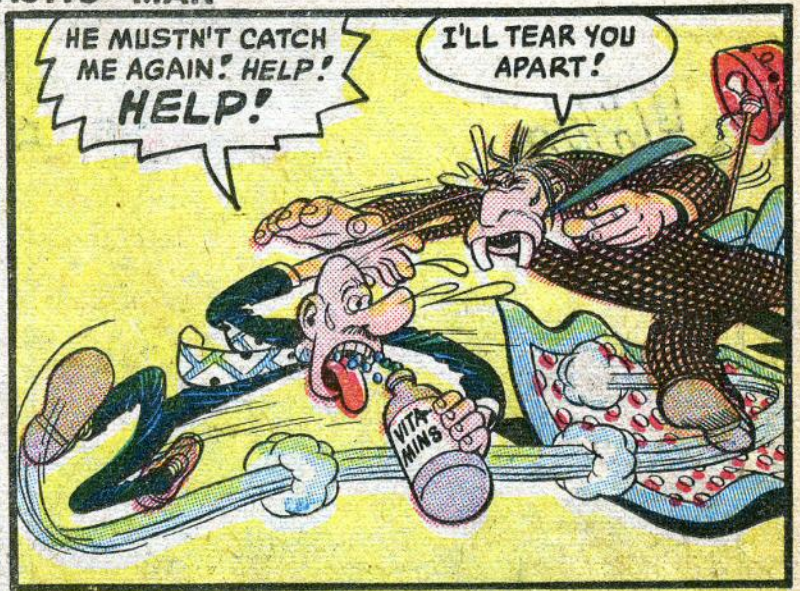
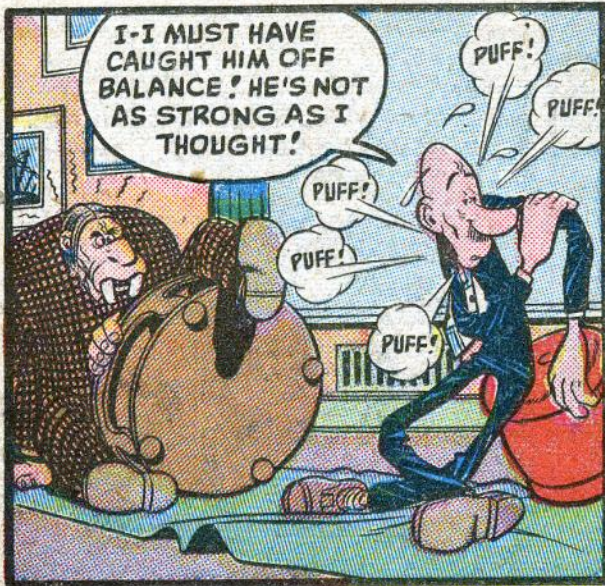
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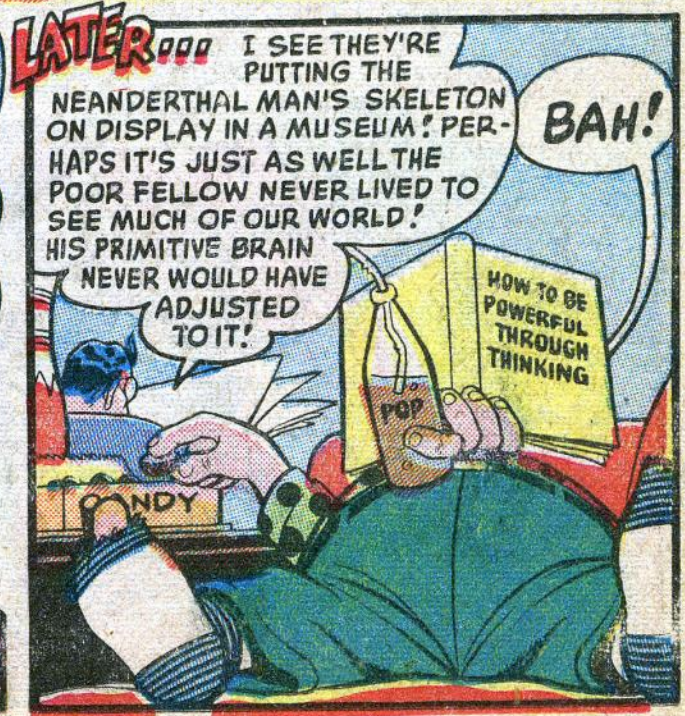
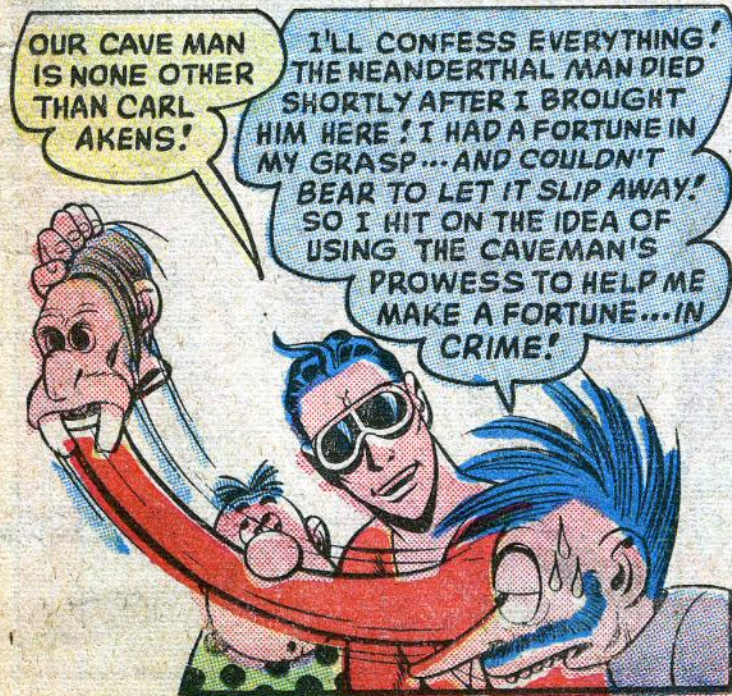
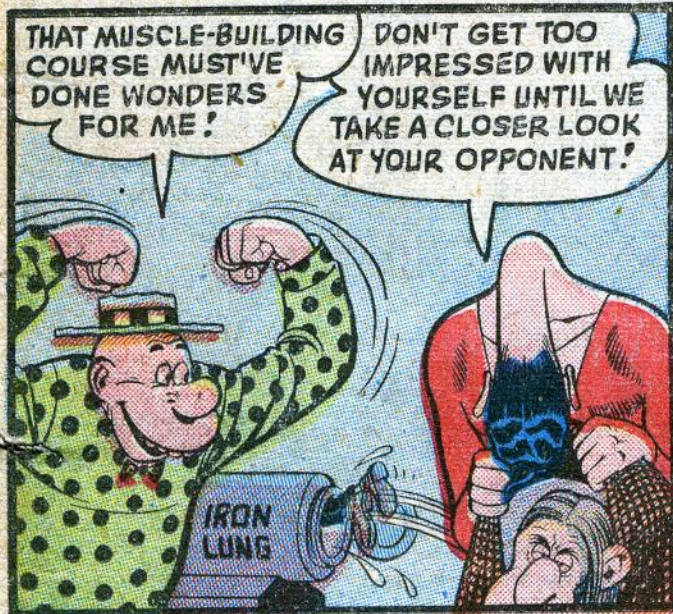
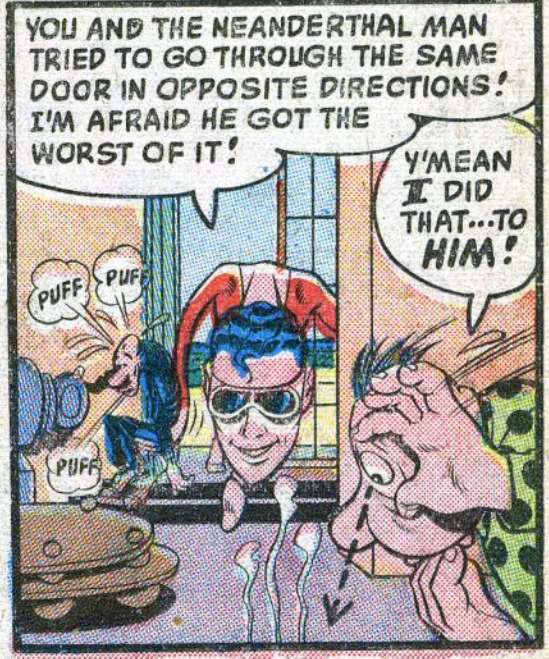
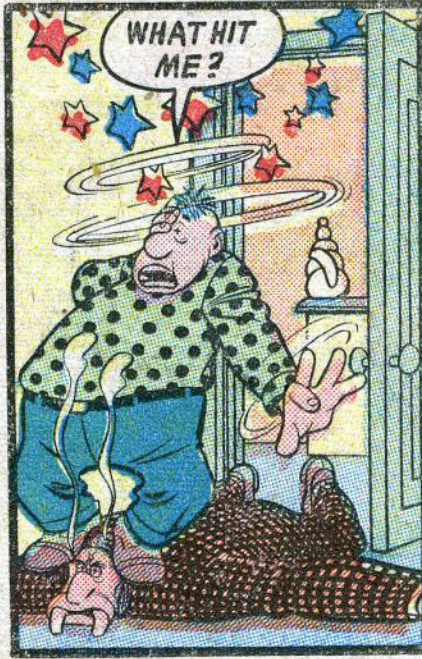
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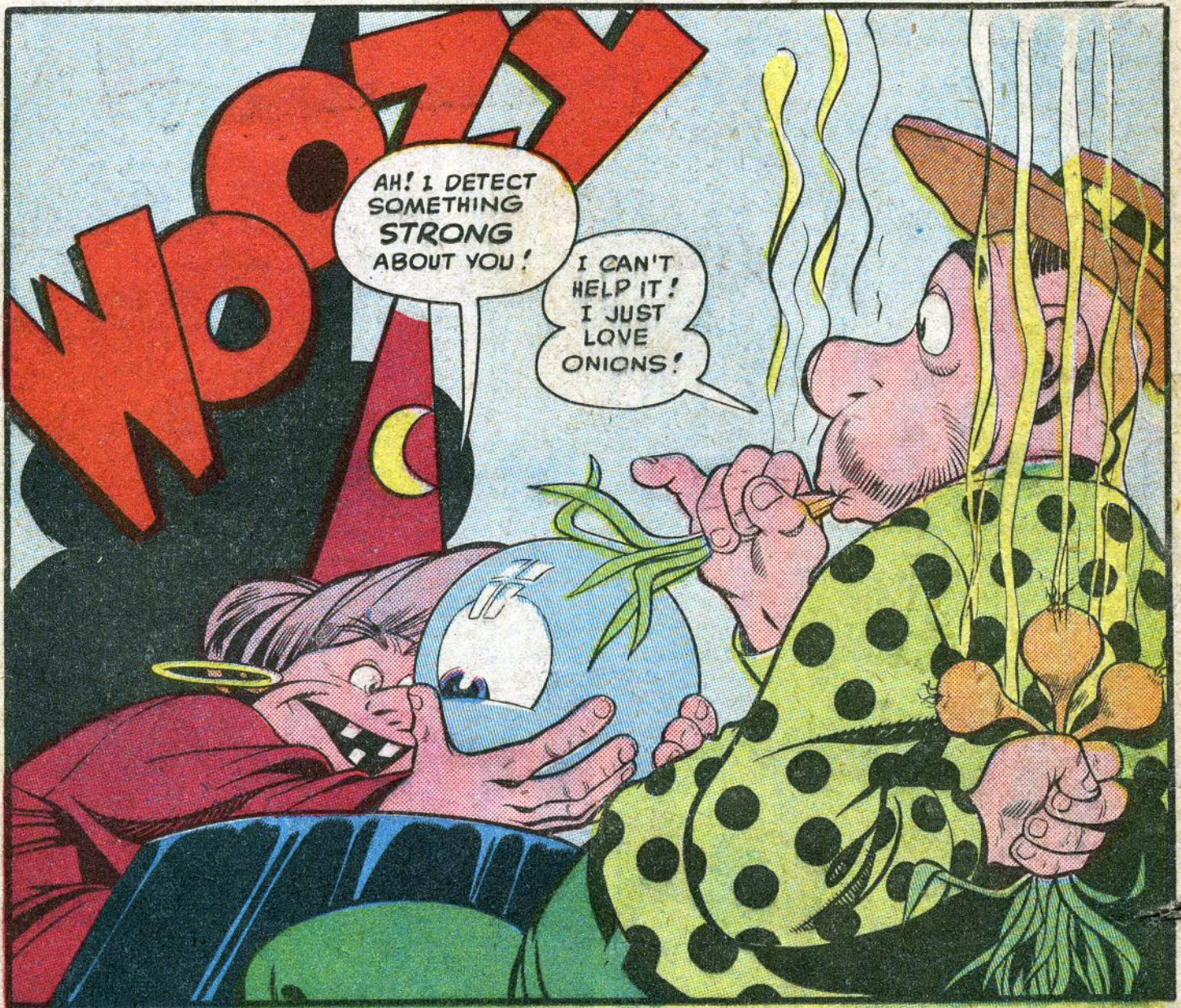


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MOMENTS LATER...

THAT MUST BE OUR MAN! THE DESCRIPTION I GOT SAID HE WAS FAT, FORTY AND MORONIC LOOKING! THAT'S W.W. SMODD, ALL RIGHT!

I'LL DUCK OUT THE BACK! GOOD LUCK!

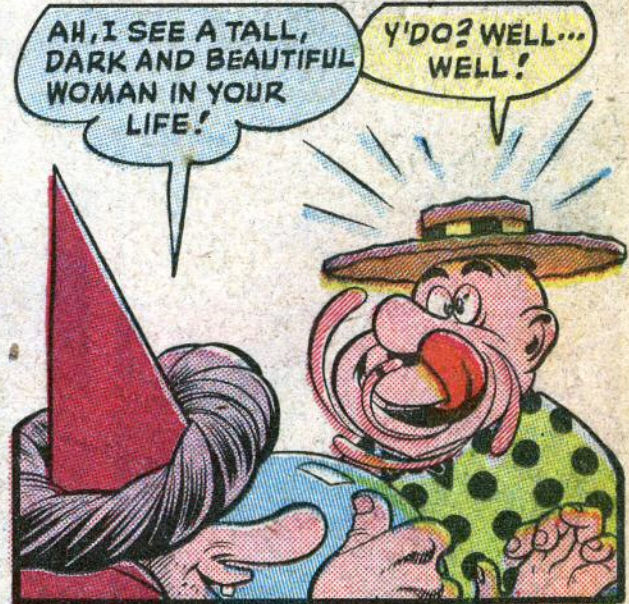


DO SIT DOWN! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS! I'M SURE YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING FORTUNE!

GONNA TELL MY FORTUNE, EH? OH, WELL... IT CAN'T HURT ANY!

AH, I SEE A TALL, DARK AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE!

Y'DO? WELL... WELL!

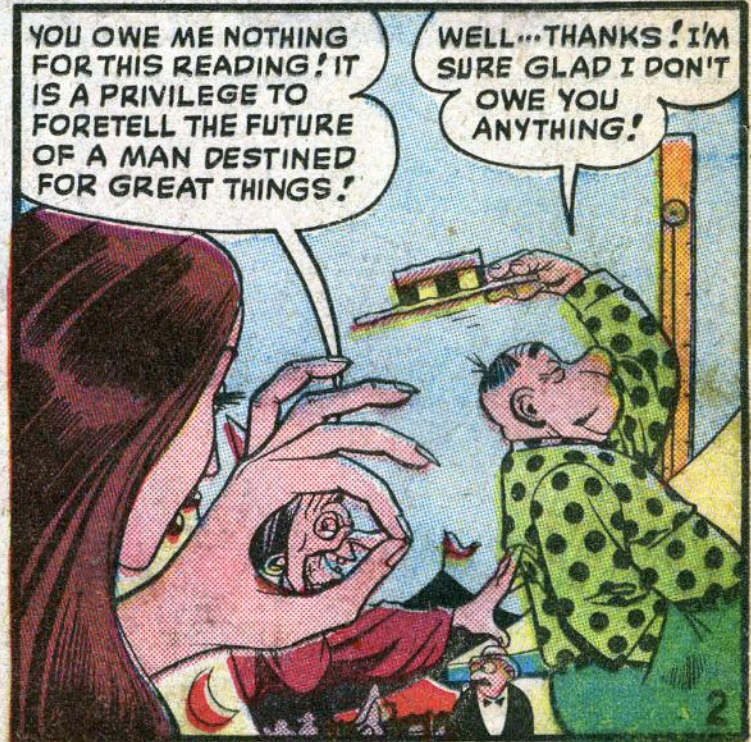


THIS WOMAN HAS STRANGE PSYCHIC DREAMS! YOU ARE PART OF THEM! YOUR DESTINY IS TIED UP WITH HERS! DO WHATEVER SHE SAYS AND FORTUNE WILL SMILE ON YOU!

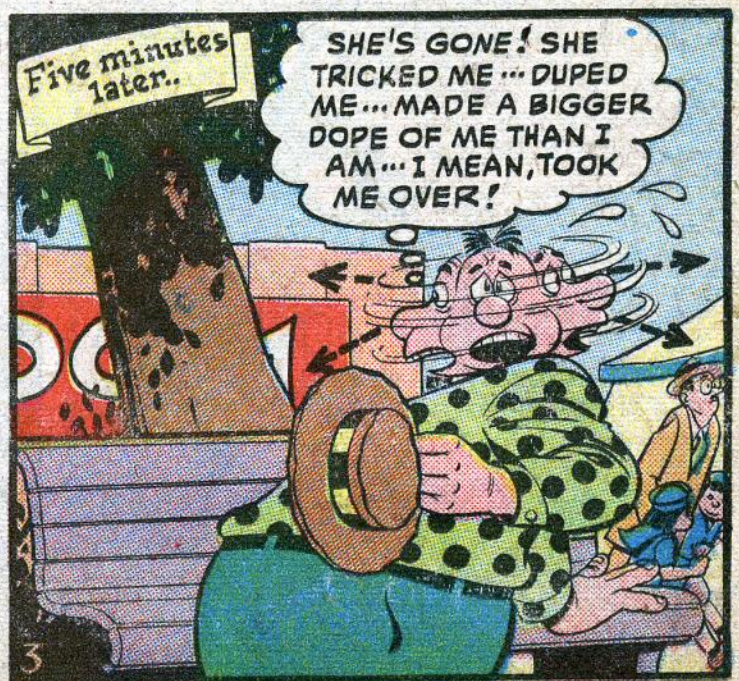
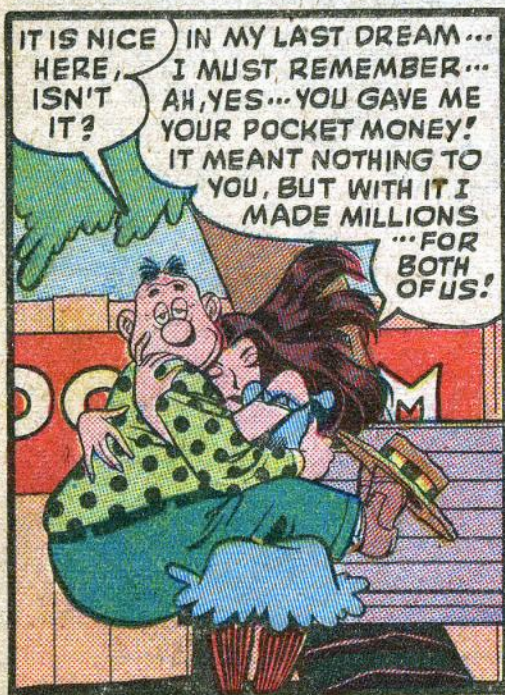
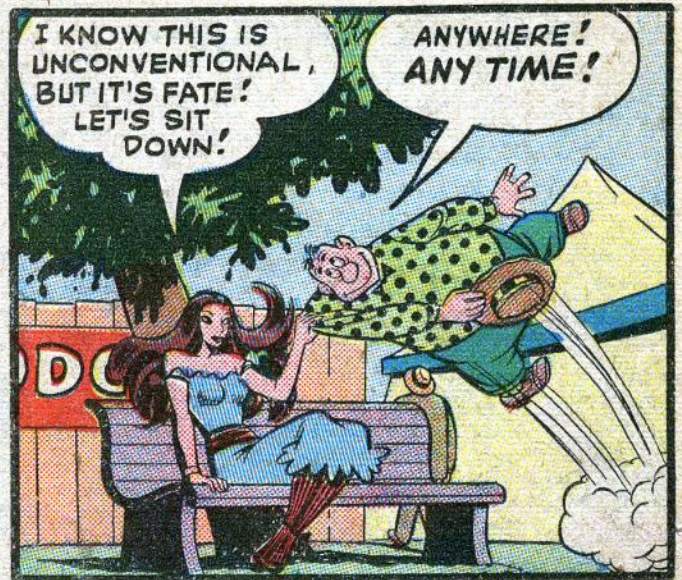
HOW ABOUT THE BABE? WILL SHE SMILE, TOO?

YOU OWE ME NOTHING FOR THIS READING! IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO FORETELL THE FUTURE OF A MAN DESTINED FOR GREAT THINGS!

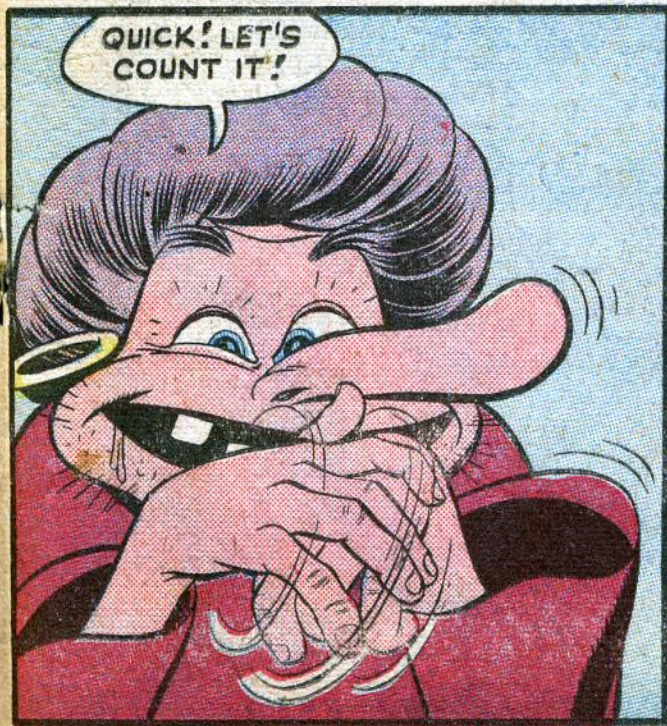
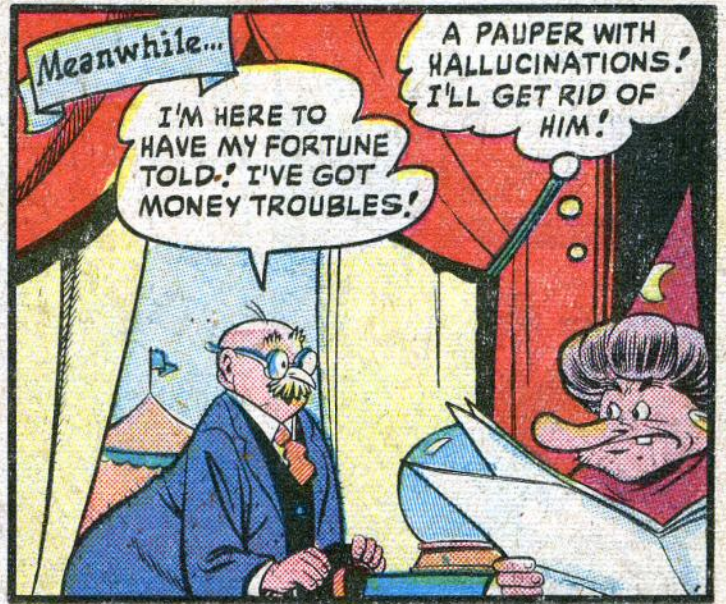
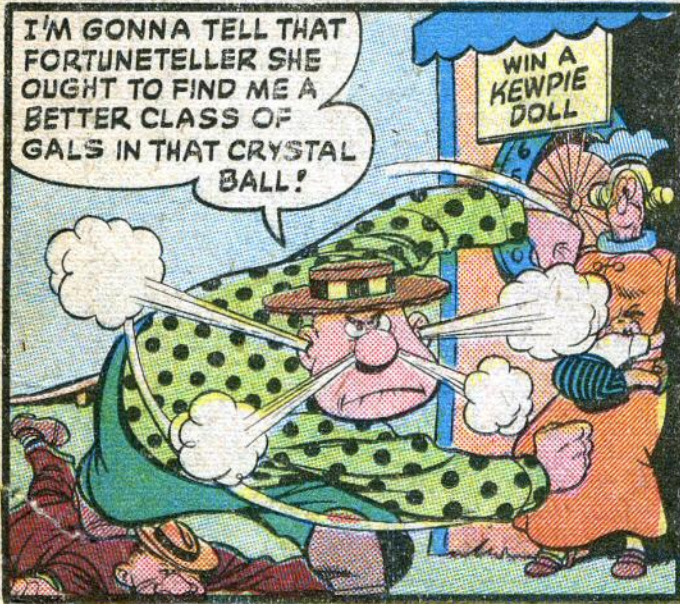
WELL... THANKS! I'M SURE GLAD I DON'T OWE YOU ANYTHING!



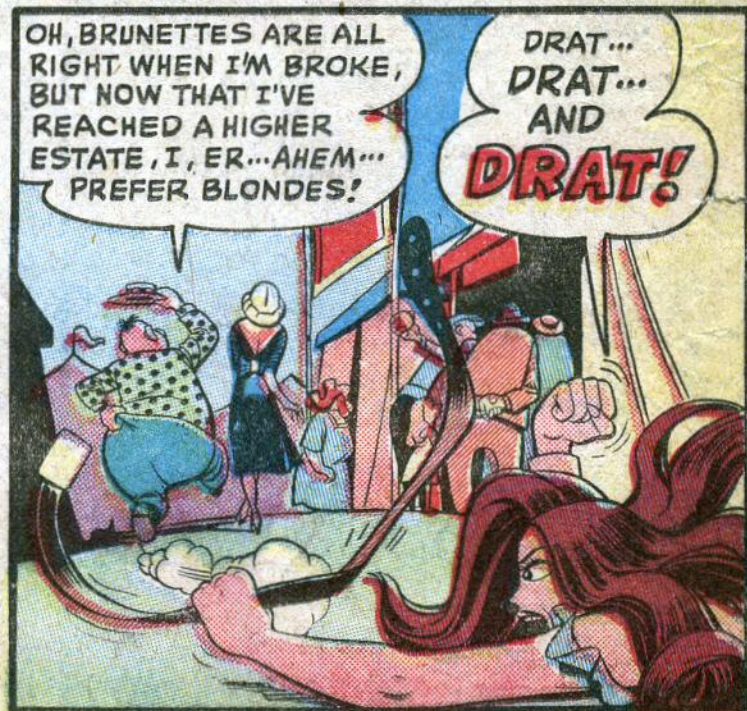
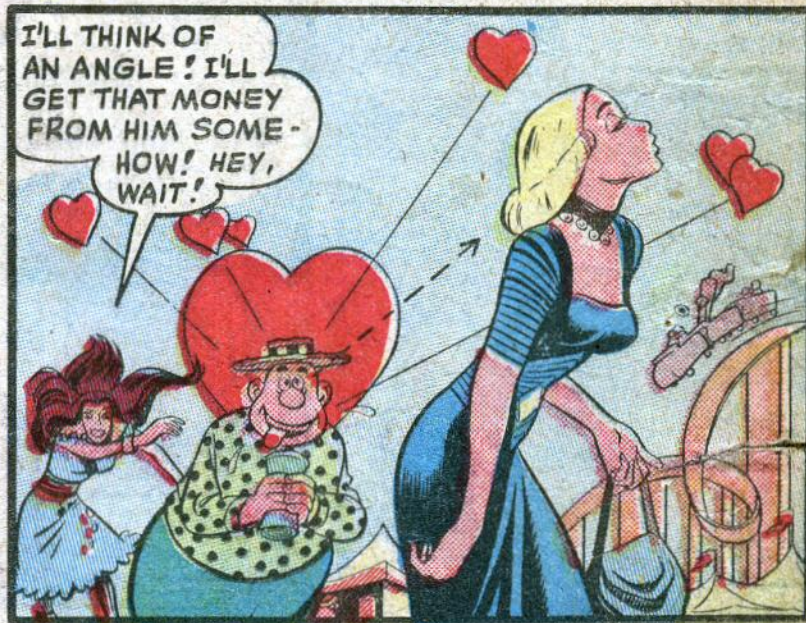
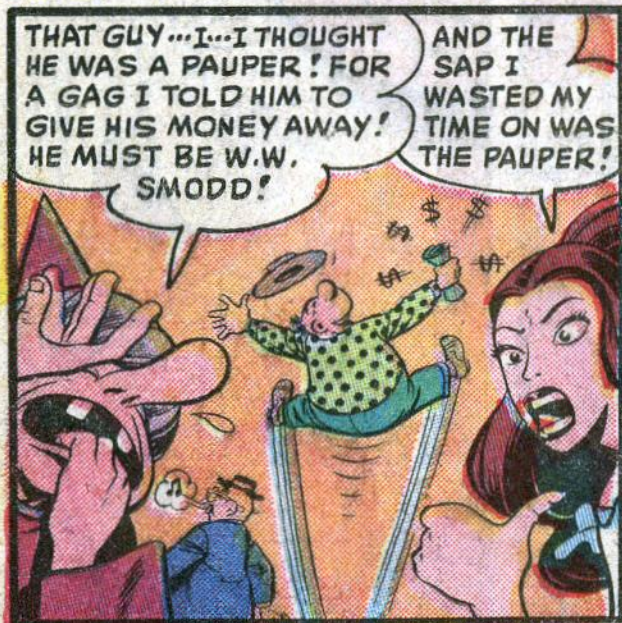
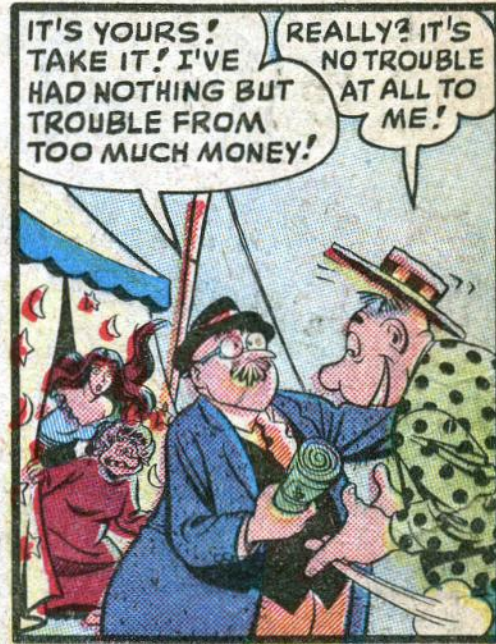
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Dewey Drip

SIX STRAIGHT HOURS AND NARY A BITE!

RECKON AH MOUGHT AS WELL GIVE UP AFTAH THIS ONE LAST TRY!

Two hours later...

NUP, THAR AIN'T NO MOAH FISH IN THIS POND THAN THAR IS PINK-WHISKERED HOOTY OWLS IN MAH HIND HIP POCKET!

RECKON AH'LL CALL IT A DAY AND TAKE A GOOD LONG NAP! AH'M POW'FUL TIRED FUM ALL THIS LABUH!

Dewey's Dream

HEY, WHO YOU BE?

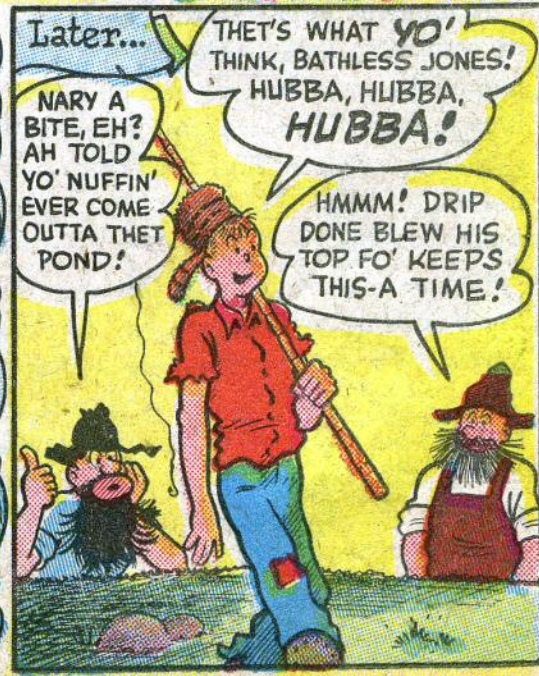
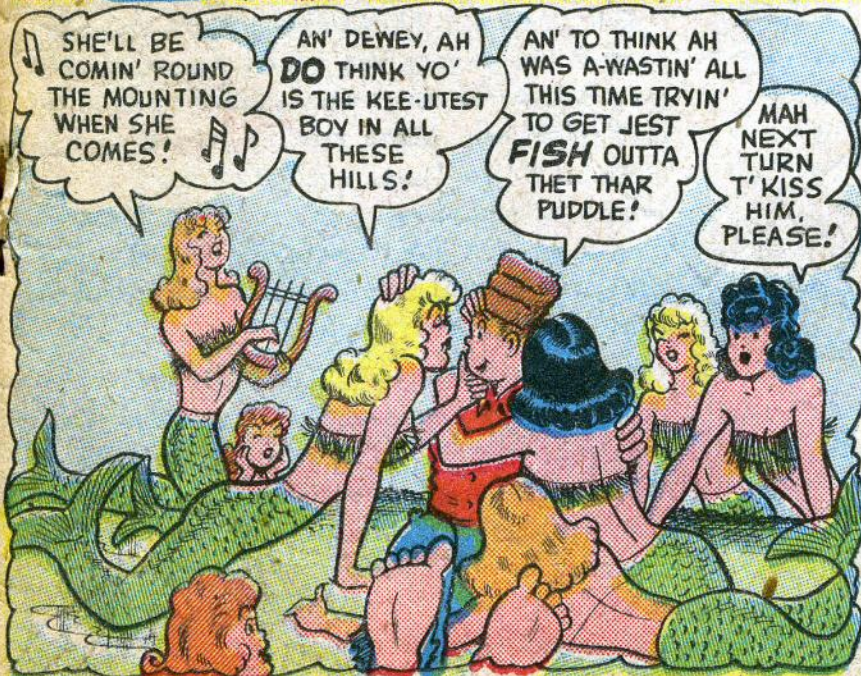
WHY, DEWEY... AIN'T YO' EVUH HEARD OF A HILL-BILLY MERMAID?

Later...

NARY A BITE, EH? AH TOLD YO' NUFFIN' EVER COME OUTTA THET POND!

THET'S WHAT YO' THINK, BATHLESS JONES! HUBBA, HUBBA, HUBBA!

HMMM! DRIP DONE BLEW HIS TOP FO' KEEPS THIS-A TIME!



Harp of JUSTICE

NOTES." Nolan, master of crime and lover of music, sat in his luxurious penthouse with his golden harp leaning against his shoulder and his slender fingers sweeping over the strings. Sweet harmony rose from the instrument and an expression of dreamy rapture softened the harsh cruelty of Notes' face.

Suddenly the door burst open and Lugo, his chief lieutenant, ran in, panting. "Boss, we did it! We just got . . ." The words dissolved into a yell of terror. Without interrupting his solo, Notes Nolan's arm flashed out and a humming knife pinned Lugo's sleeve to the door.

Not until the last lingering note of the harp had died away did Notes Nolan face his ashen-faced gunman. "I've warned you, Lugo, never to interrupt when I'm playing my harp. Next time I won't be so gentle. Now what is it you're so excited about?"

"We caught Plastic Man's stooge," Lugo panted, prying his sleeve free. "He was snooping around our warehouse and we nailed him."

"Good," Notes said, a wicked glint in his eyes. "Bring him in. But first, Lugo, I want to compliment you. When I sent you out to buy new strings for my harp I expected you to bungle it as usual. But these new red harp strings with the yellow and black stripes are superb. Their tone is exquisite."

A moment later Woozy Winks was dragged in, squirming and protesting, his chubby figure pinned between two of Notes Nolan's biggest muscle men. "You can't do this to me," Woozy squealed, sweat rolling down his face. "Wait'll my pal, Plastic Man, finds out you put the snatch on his most valuable adviser. He'll—"

Notes laughed coldly. "Plastic man won't know in time to save you, my fat frog. And if he did, he couldn't get in here. I own this building and every floor and elevator and stairway is staffed with my guards. I'm too clever for that elastic drip. He knows my crimes but he can't prove a one because he can never catch me breaking a single law."

"Wha-what are you going to do to me?" Woozy bleated fearfully.

Notes thumbed the blade of his slender knife. "Make you my messenger to Plastic Man, fatty. I'll carve a challenge on your useless carcass and send it to him in a coffin. He'll go crazy trying to prove I did it—"

"I wouldn't, if I were you," a voice said quietly.

Notes jerked his head around. "You keep out of this, Lugo. I know my business."

Lugo gaped. "I didn't say nuthin', boss."

One of the thugs holding Woozy pointed a shaking finger. "Th-the h-harp said it, boss. Honest it did."

"You're crazy," Notes yelled furiously. "Harps don't speak."

"This one does," the harp said, and with a soft ripple of melody the strings unwound themselves and swelled into a sinuous, terrifying figure of retribution.

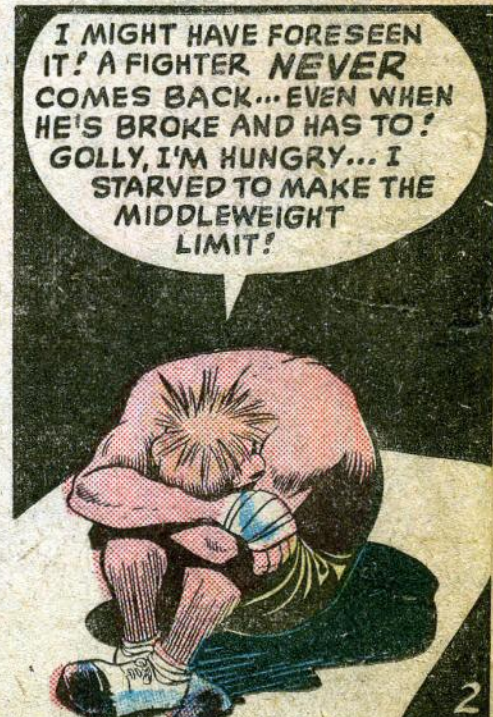
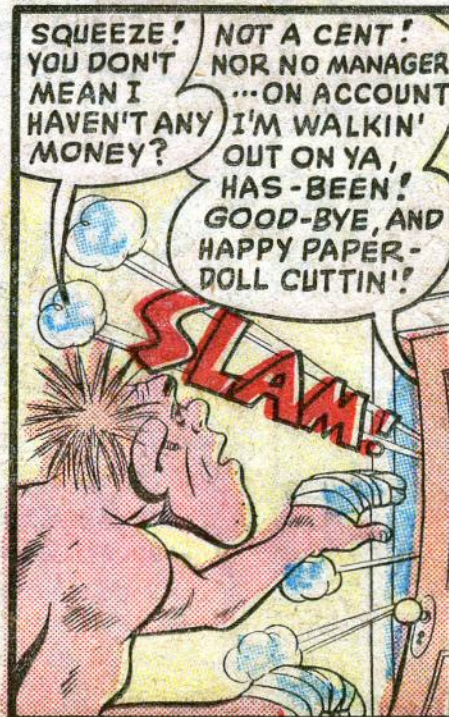
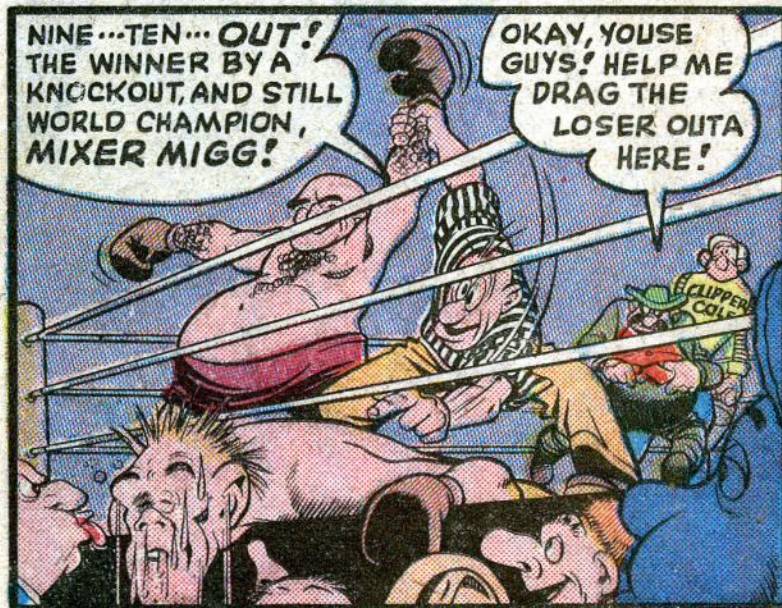
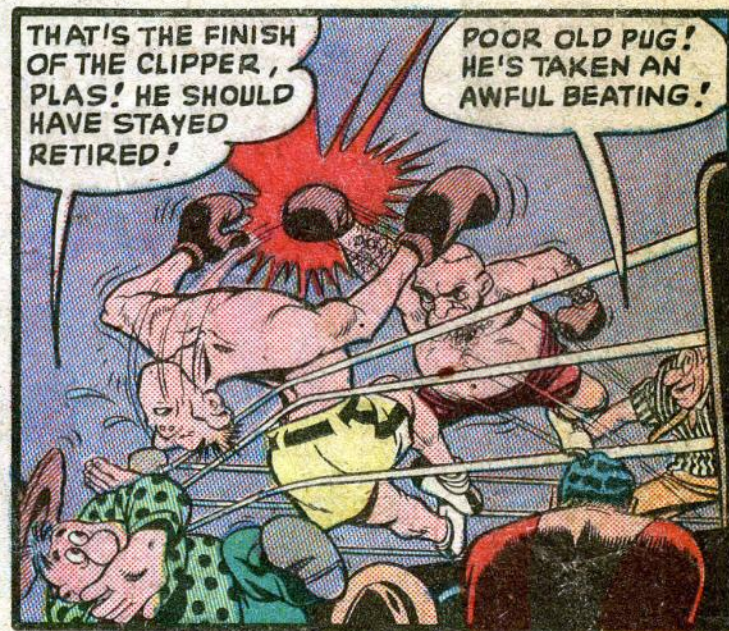
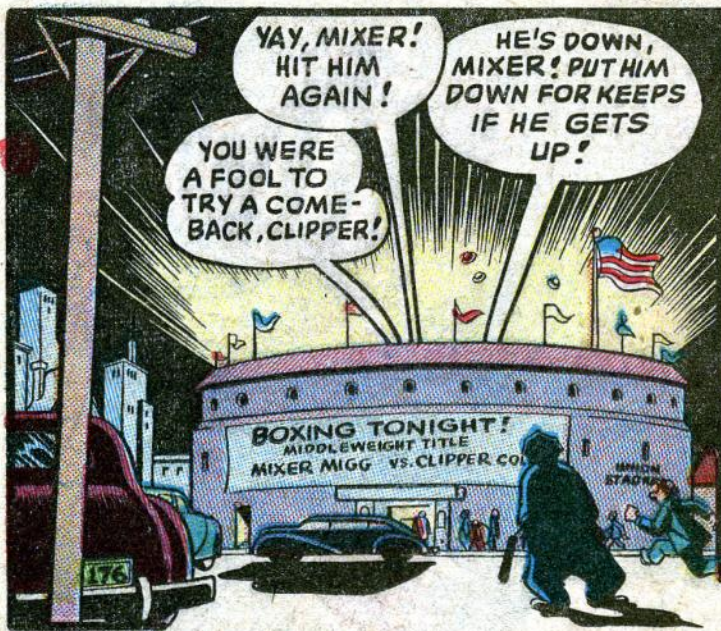
"Plas!" Woozy yelped joyfully, but his cry was lost in the howls of terror from the crooks.

Notes was the first to break the paralysis of fright. With a swift move he hurled his knife. The needle-sharp point struck Plastic Man and rebounded to stick, quivering, in the wall. With moans of terror, the thugs stampeded toward the door.

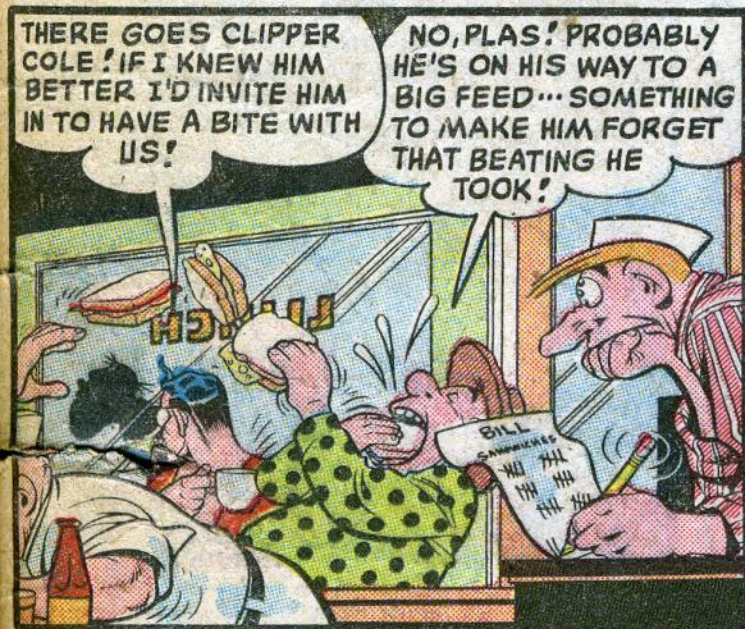
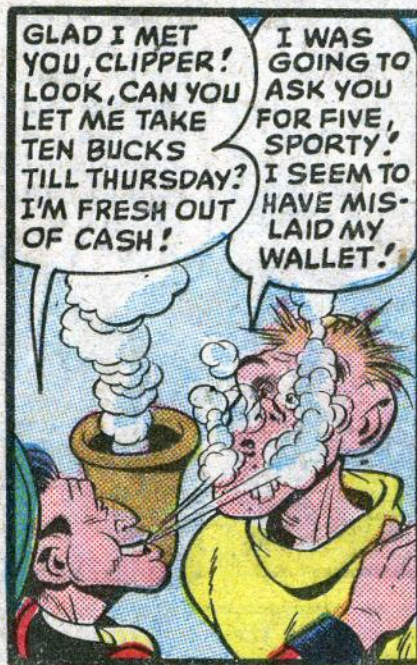
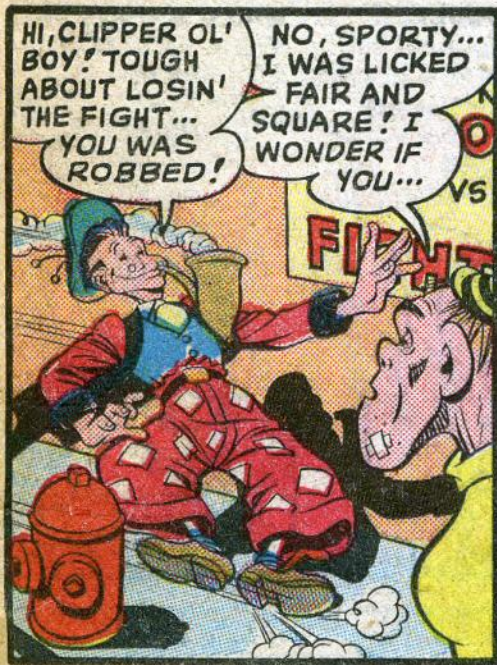
But a red arm blocked their flight and what seemed like twenty fists beat a tattoo on their jaws. When the three were subdued and encircled by Plastic Man's arm he turned to look at Notes Nolan. Notes was flat on the floor and Woozy, straddling the wailing man, was slapping right and left. "Carve my delicate skin, will you—*smack!* Send me in a coffin—*crack!* Plas is a dope, eh? *Thwock!*"

"That'll do, Woozy," Plastic Man chuckled. "The Law can take over from here. When Lugo took that harp out to be restrung, he gave me the chance I needed to get up here and catch Notes in the act of breaking the law. Come on, my most valuable adviser. Let's head for headquarters with our musical has-been and his three flat notes."

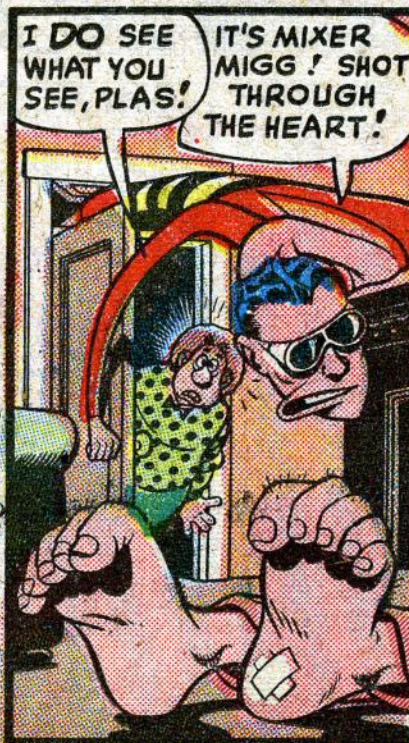
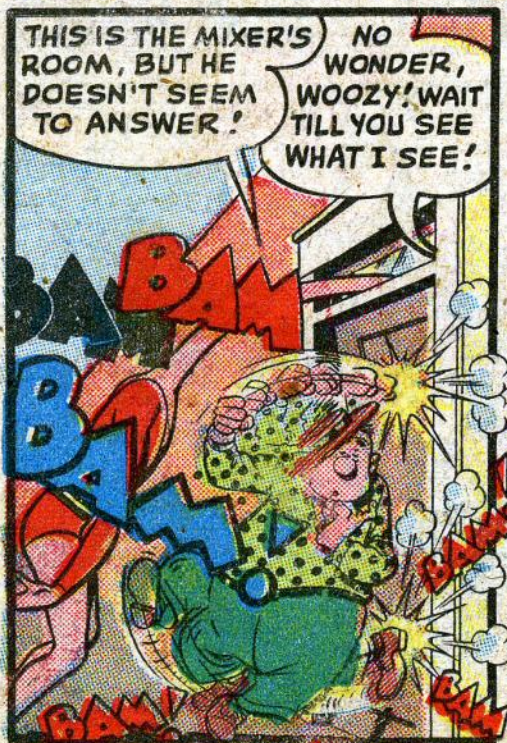
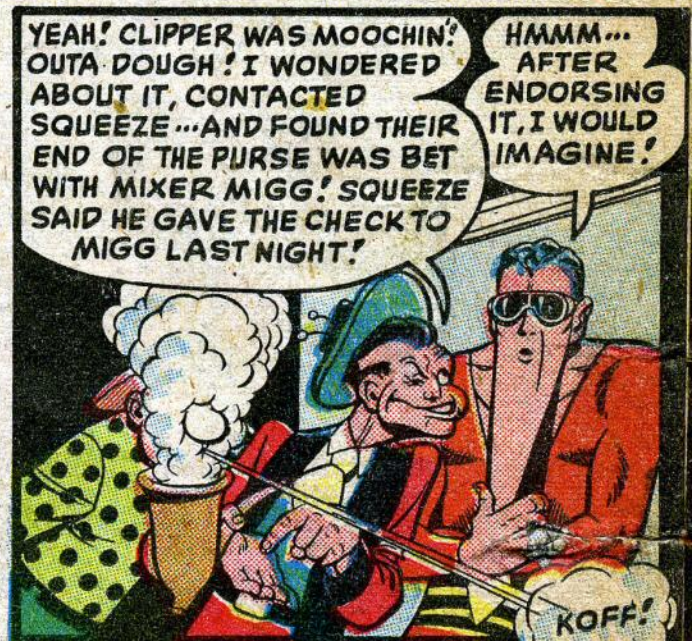
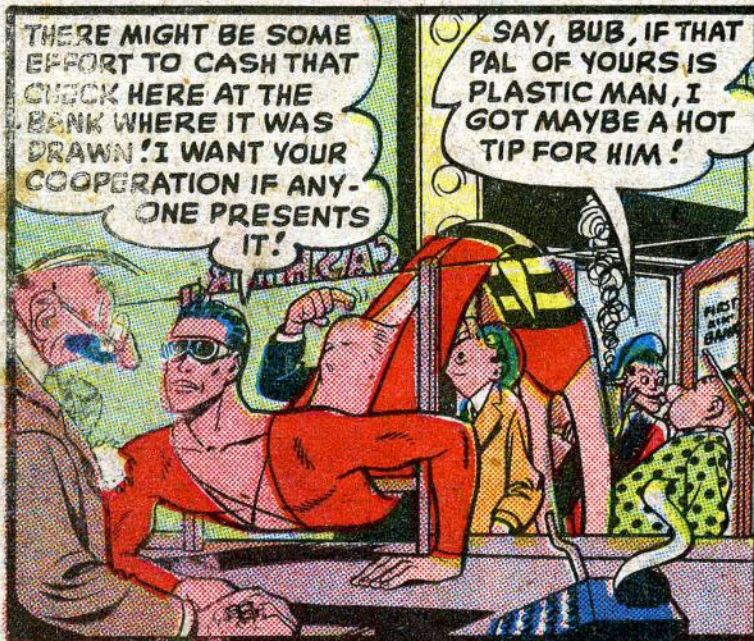
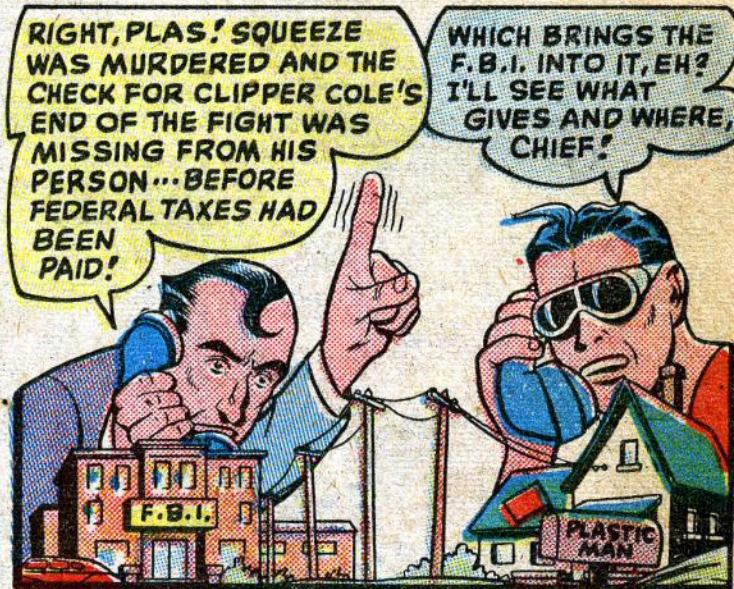
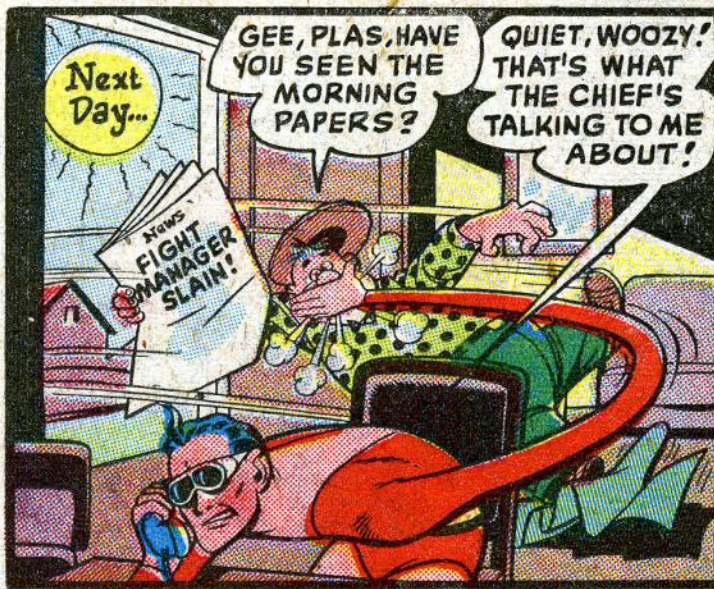




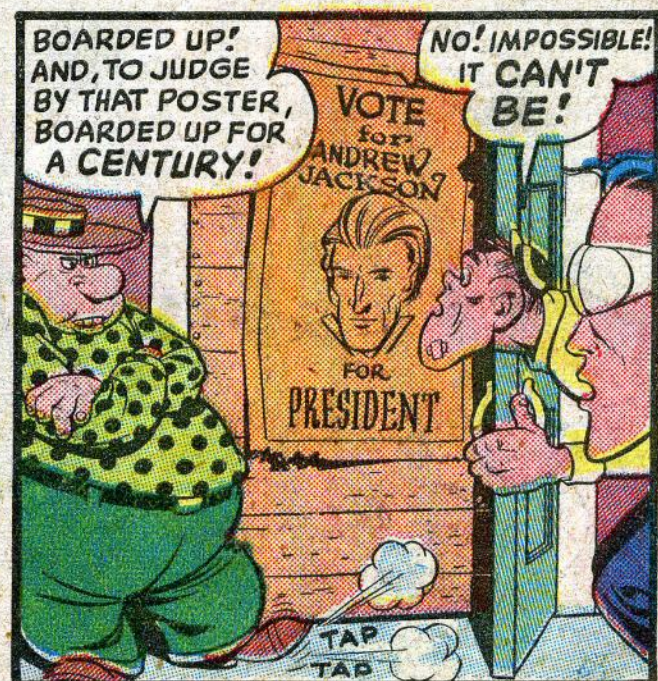
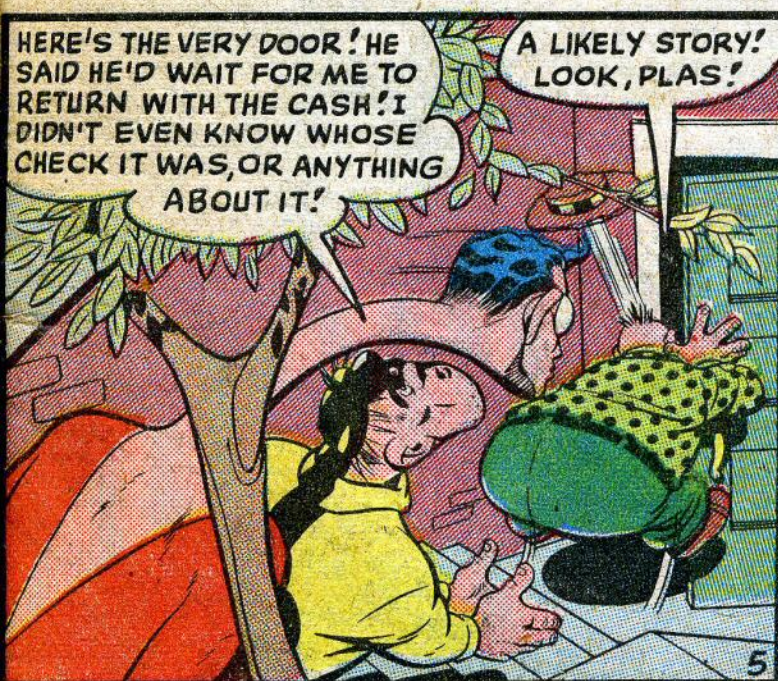
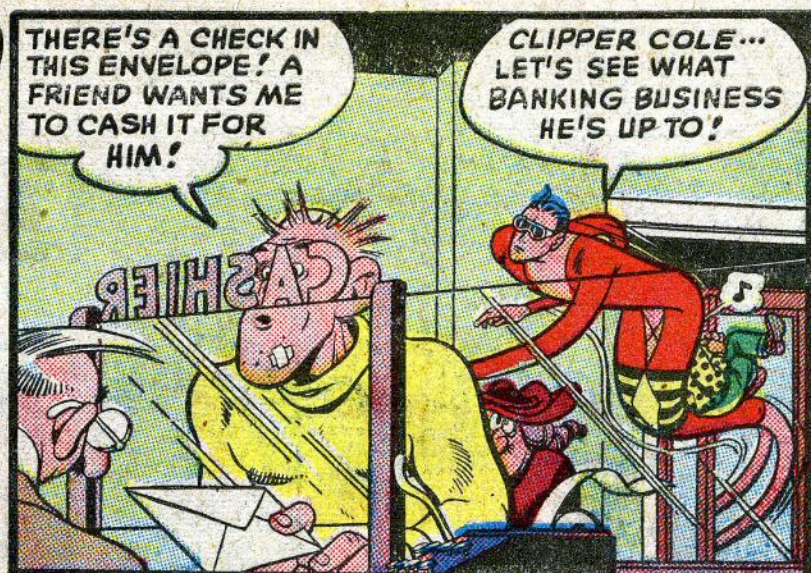
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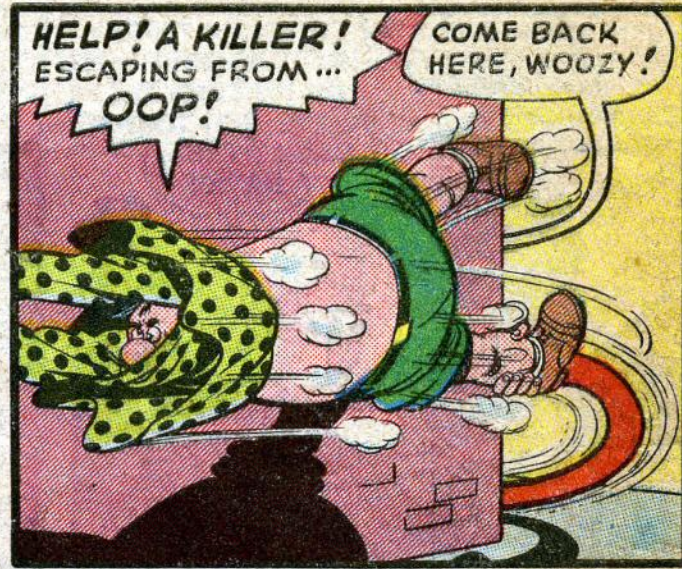
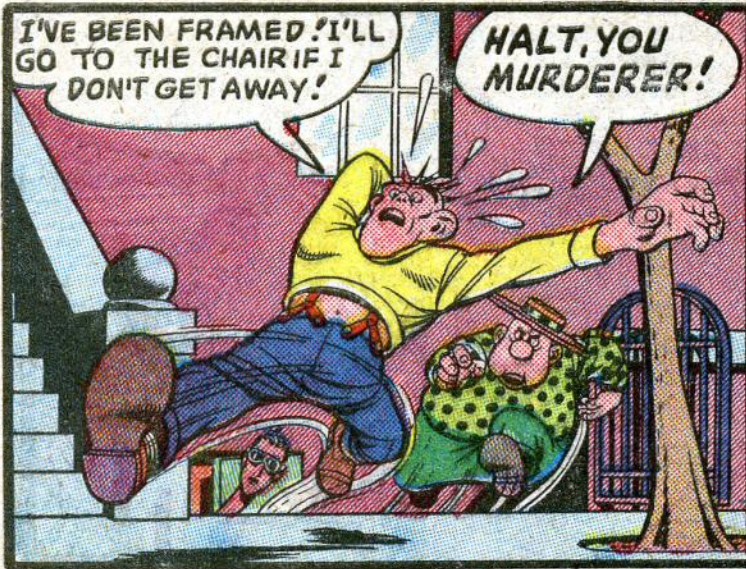
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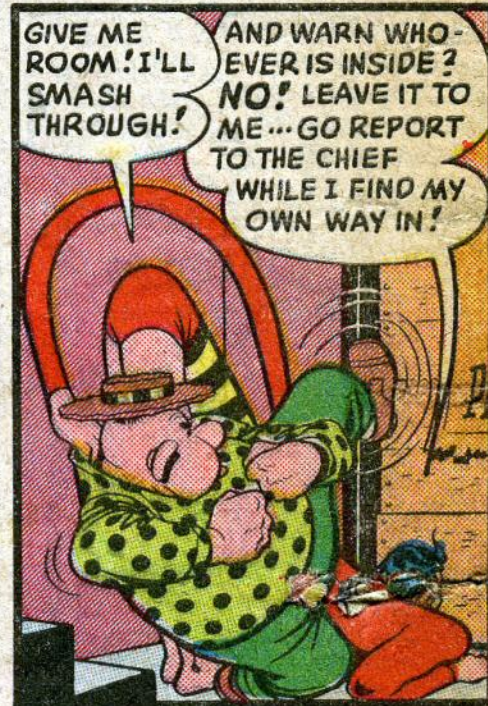
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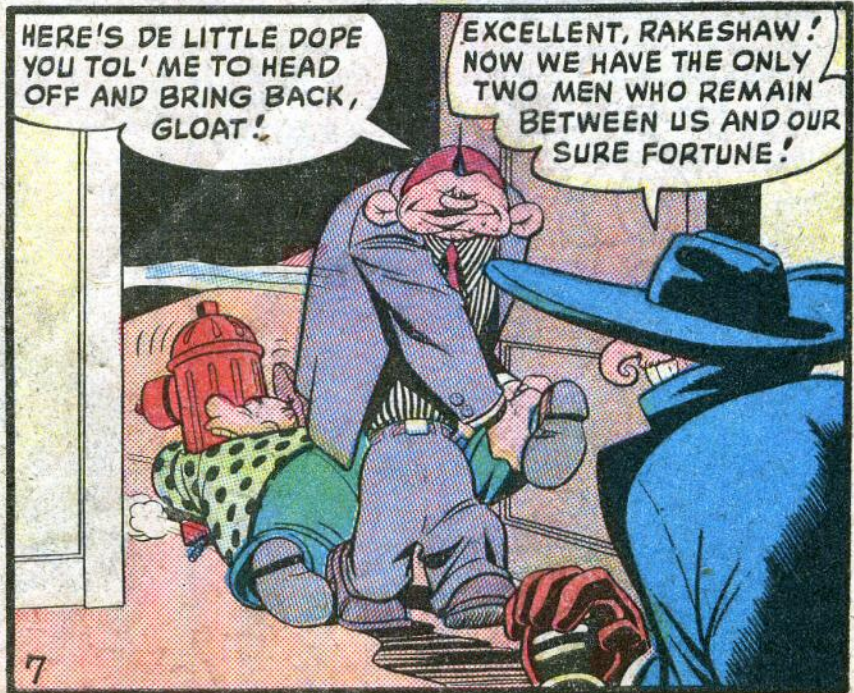
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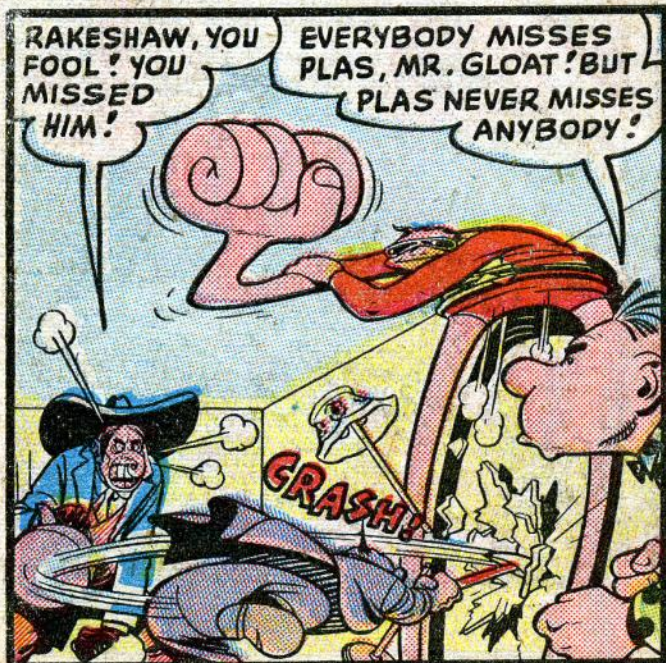
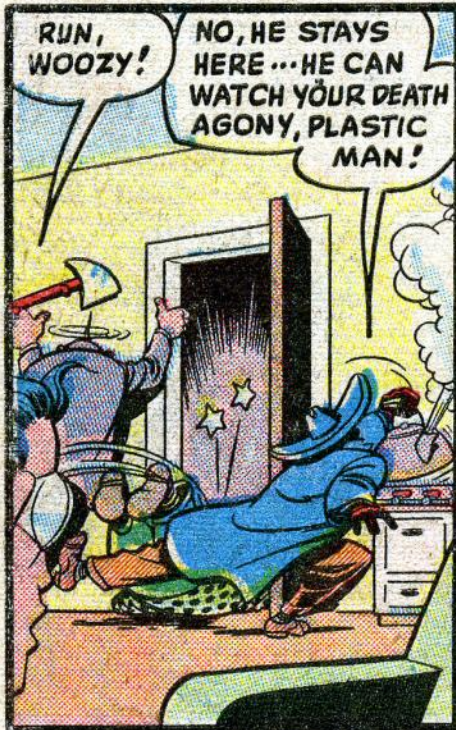
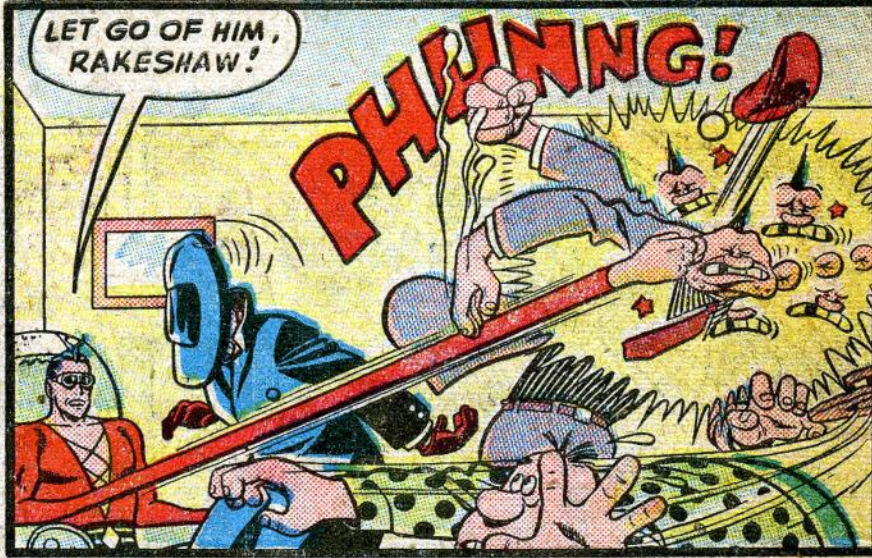
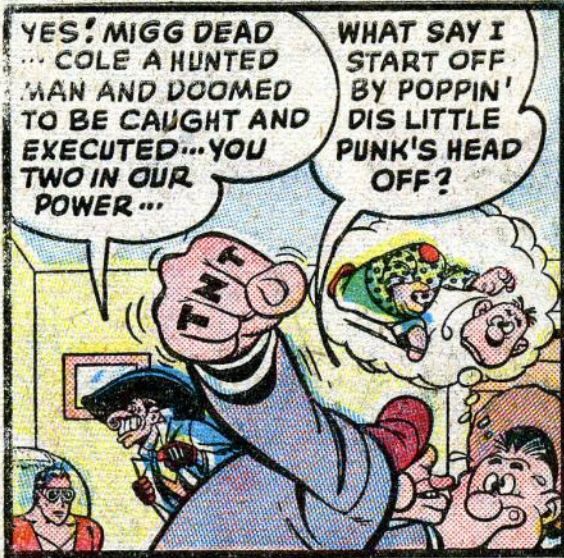
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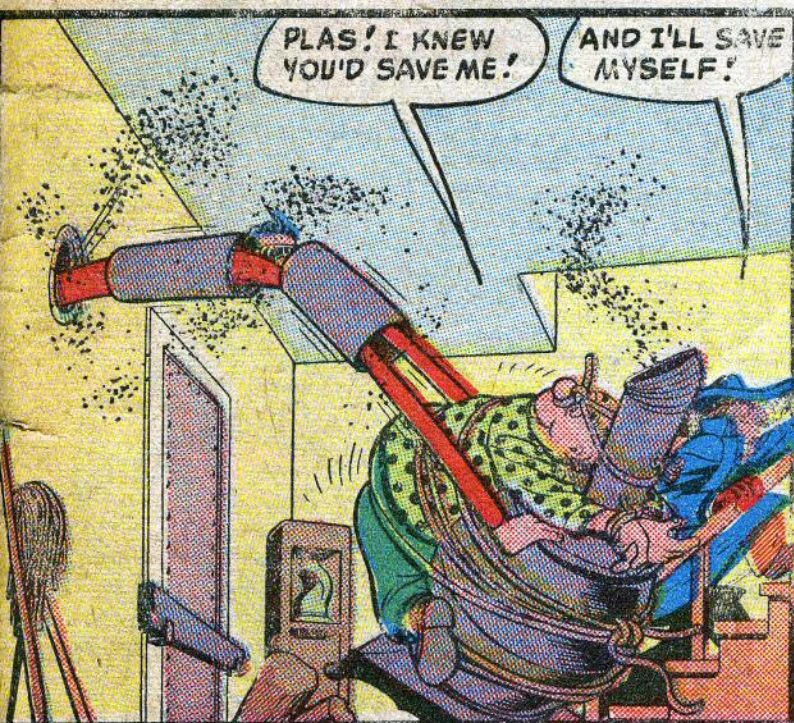
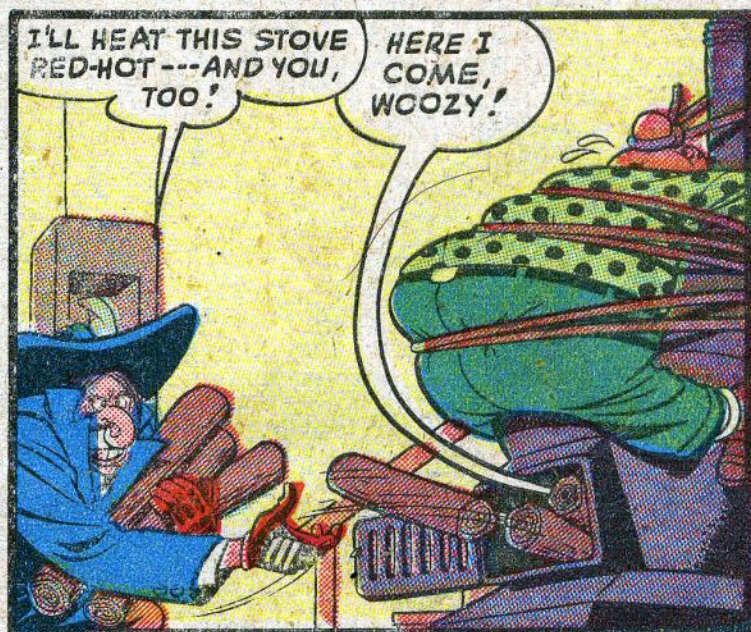
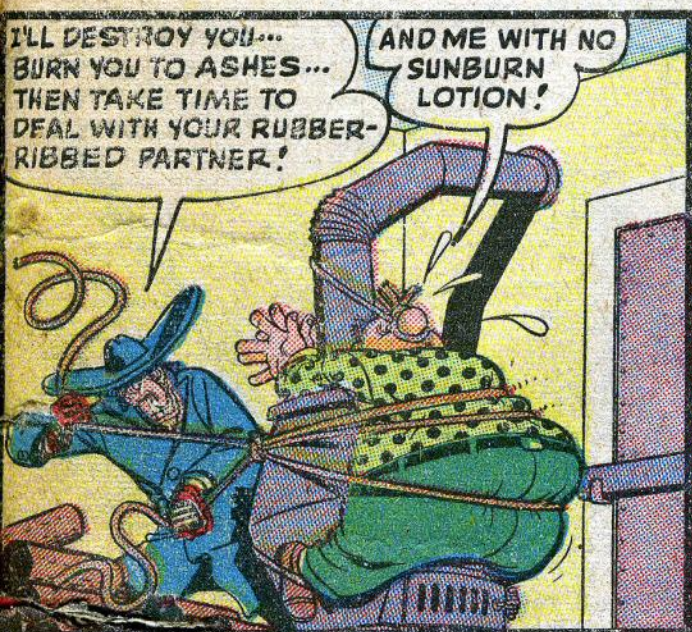
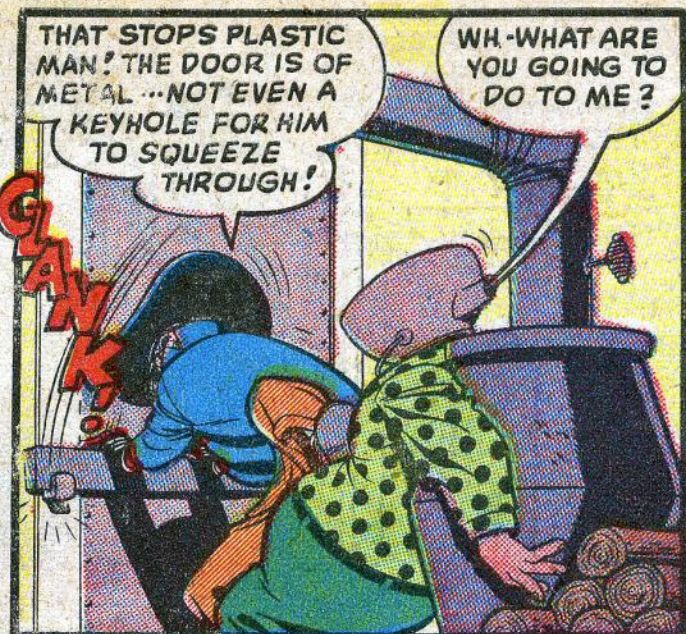
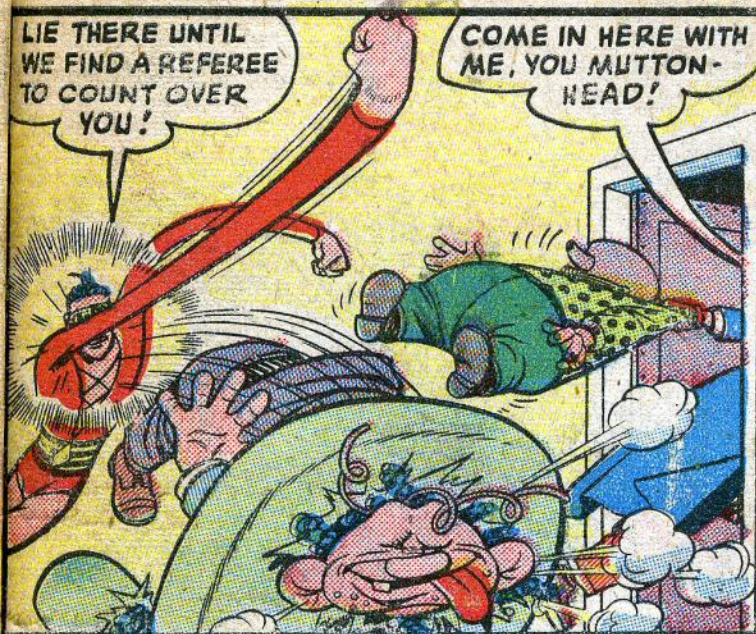
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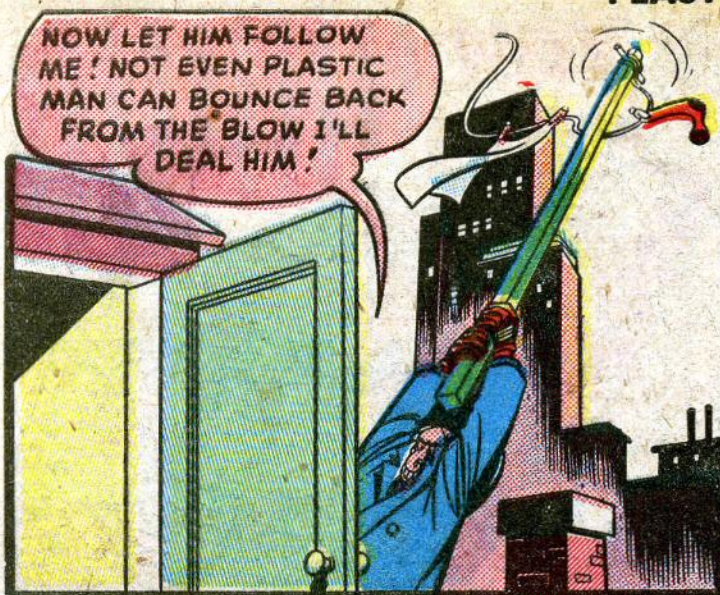
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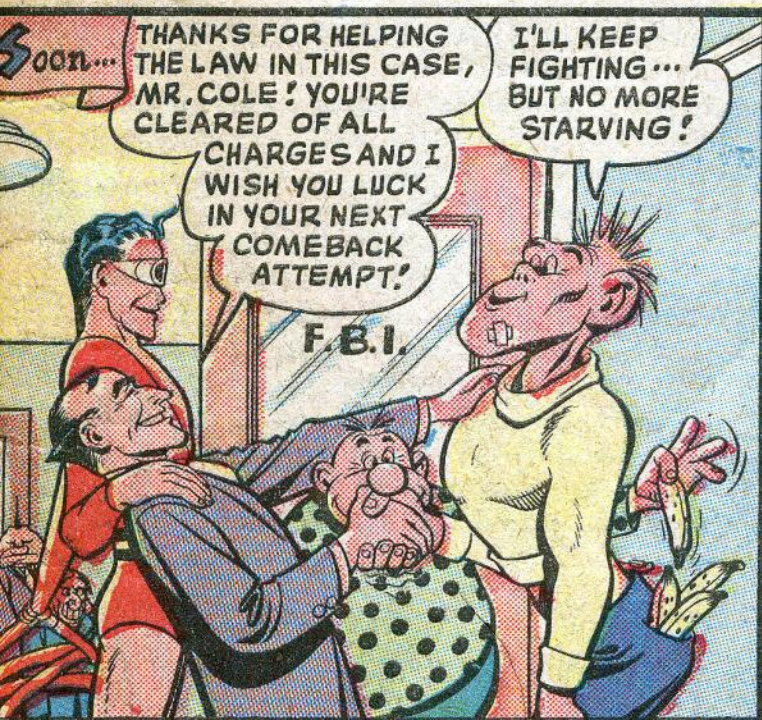
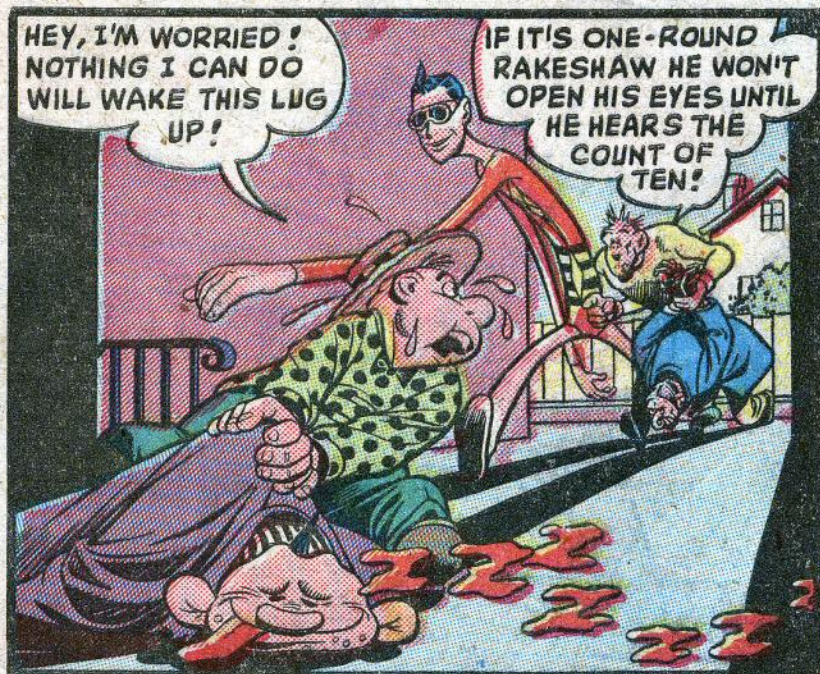
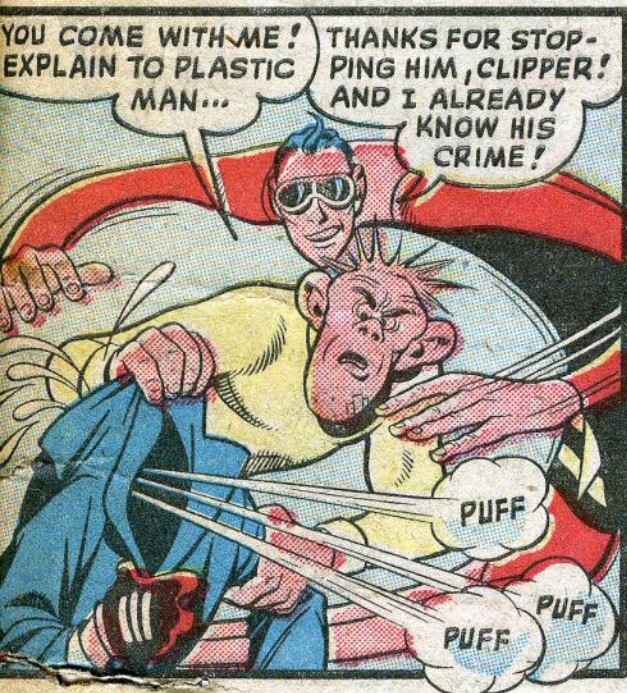


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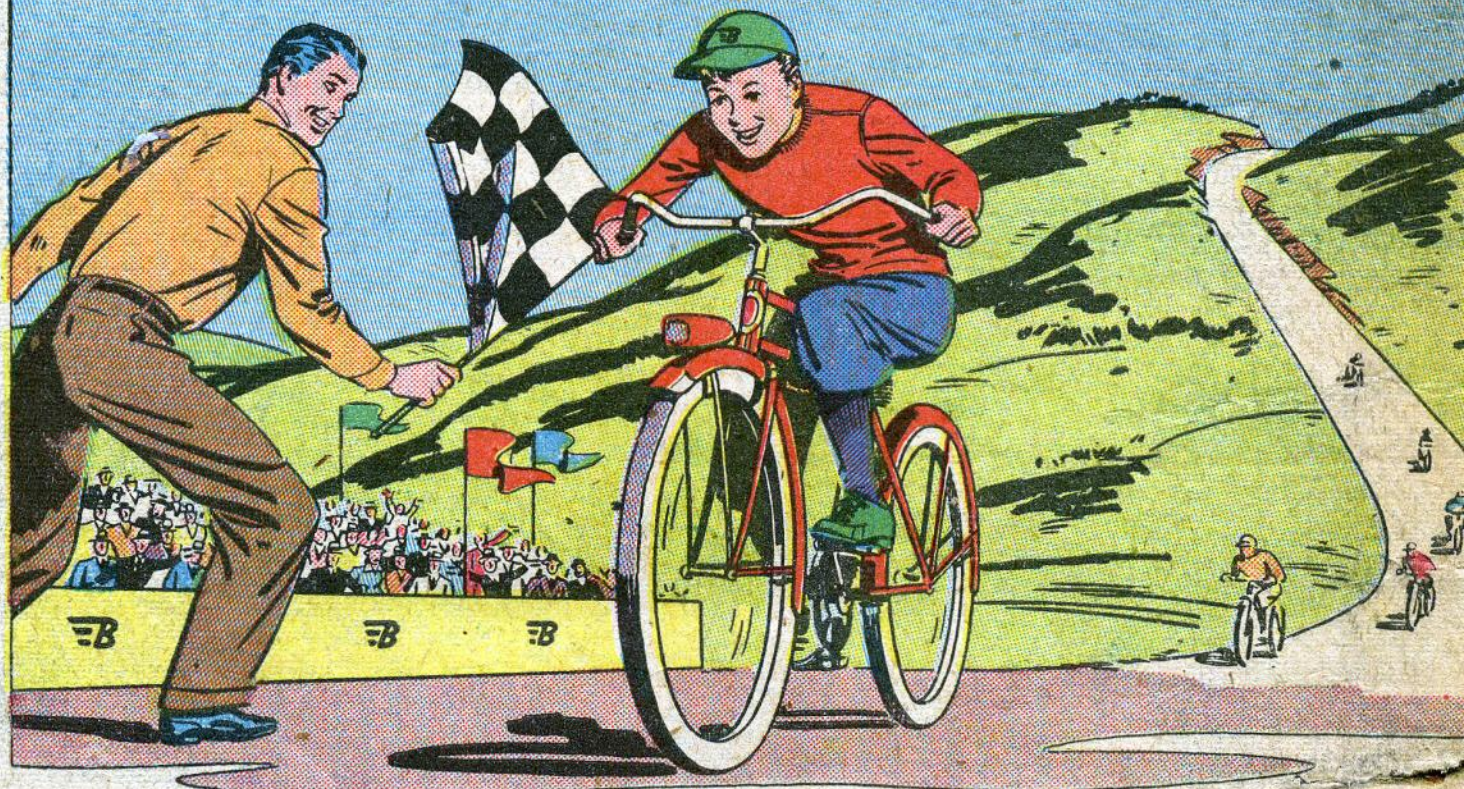


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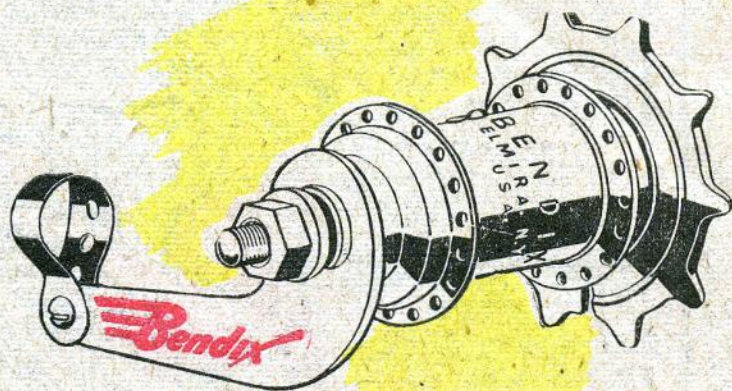




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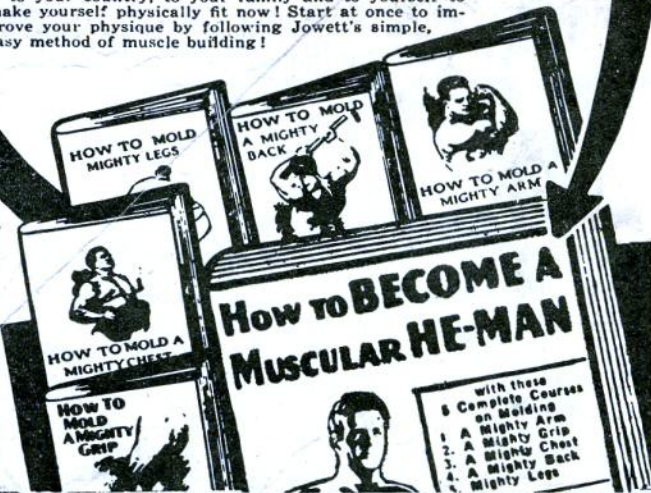


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